

**MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7:30 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett - Chair
Cllr. Hilary Ward - Vice Chair
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Nat Bacon
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Philip Baskett
Cllr. Beth Goose
Cllr. Julian Wallis
Cllr. Graham Bickers

Apologies for absence:

County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Terry-Jill Haworth-Culf
District Cllr. Jocelyn Bond

In attendance:

District Cllr. Tony Cooper
Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
2 members of the public

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Public Forum

a) Two residents informed the Council about flooding on Church Road which is damaging their properties. The flooding is caused by run-off from the adjacent fields during periods of inclement weather in the winter and irrigation in the summer. The Council was sympathetic but unfortunately it has no powers to assist with this matter. The Council recommended to the residents that they attend the meeting next month to report to the County Councillor, who has responsibility for Highways, about the damage the water has caused to the recently resurfaced road. At the meeting, the landowner explained that he has now sub-soiled the field which should improve permeability and that he will consider sowing a cover crop which should improve drainage. He asked the residents to report to him if the irrigation stand pipe in the corner of the field leaks and he will take immediate action. The landowner agreed to attend the site and speak to the neighbouring landowner to consider any further drainage improvements.

b) District Cllr. Tony Cooper referred to his previously circulated report. He also reported on the recent Strategic Planning Committee meeting which considered the District Council's response to the SPR application to the Planning Inspectorate for the EAN1 and EA2 offshore windfarms with an onshore substation at Friston. District Cllrs. Jocelyn Bond and Tony Cooper are members of the Planning Committee and they recommended that it was vitally important for a local Ward member to be included when drafting the response. This recommendation was declined but Cllr. Tony Cooper will attend all energy company briefings where he can provide input into the response from a local perspective. They asked for this to be followed through when EDF Energy submit their application for Sizewell C.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward, seconded by Cllr. Beth Goose and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 13th November 2019 be signed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

a) Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Stephen Morphey reported that they had trimmed the hedge at Eastbridge burial ground.

b) Cllr. Stephen Brett reported that the new car park signs had been provided for Jubilee Hall. The 'no turning' sign for Eastbridge Common has also been obtained and will be sited shortly.

c) The Clerk, referring to item 6c, reported that she has been unable to open an Income Bond with National Savings and Investments as it no longer provides society trust accounts. The Clerk has been

unable to source any savings accounts with a minimum investment of less than £5,000.

ACTION: Clerk to amend the Investment Policy.

- d) Cllr. Graham Bickers, referring to item 3a, attended the recent SALC Suffolk Coastal Area Forum where he was elected as the Sizewell A and B Stakeholders' Group representative.
- e) Cllr. Beth Goose, referring to item 11b, reported that the defibrillator at The Lion Inn has now been repaired.

6. Councillors' Meetings and Progress Reports

a) Theberton Playing Field Improvements - thanks were given to Cllr. Nat Bacon for removing the mound and the slide. Cllr. Bacon reported that he also disposed of the ash mound from the bonfire as requested by the Community Council. The Clerk reported that the third application to the ESC Outdoor Playing Space Fund for a climbing tower meets the eligibility requirements for the Sports Pot but funding has not yet been granted. Cllr. Hilary Ward said that she had received a reply from the Community Council informing the Parish Council that it has raised £3,500 so far for additional play equipment and several more fund raising events are planned for next year. The Community Council have asked for equipment to be provided for older children, perhaps a zip wire, new benches or a shelter. Their contribution will be dependent on how much the Parish Council raises from grants. They have asked for a date for the erection of the gate at the bottom entry to the playing field. Cllr. Bacon informed the Council that the fence is worn out and he suggested it is replaced by a hedge.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to fit gate. Clerk to research grant funding for a hedge.

b) Eastbridge Speed Limit - Highways provided a definitive list of the criteria which Eastbridge needs to meet to entitle it to a speed limit. The next step is for Highways to conduct a speed survey which costs £350 plus VAT. It was agreed to ask County Cllr. Richard Smith if he would be willing to fund this from his Highways budget.

ACTION: Clerk to add to next month's agenda. Clerk to begin researching funding sources for the overall cost of implementing a speed limit.

c) Sizewell Matters - report attached as **Appendix I**. The Sizewell C Community Forum will be held next week where EDF Energy will provide feedback on the stage 4 consultation and take questions from the forum members.

d) Speed Indicator Device - report attached as **Appendix II**.

e) Police - no crimes were reported in October 2019.

f) Jubilee Hall - the Management Committee has granted permission for the Parish Council to install broadband in the Jubilee Hall for the community's use. The District Councillors previously agreed to pay for the installation and a year's worth of running costs from their Enabling Communities Budget. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the annual expenditure thereafter.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain a quote from BT and provide to the District Councillors.

g) Eastbridge Common - the wildflower meadow has been cut and raked and the last of the ivy has been cut from the trees.

7. Parish Matters

a) The Council decided to raise the complaint against East Suffolk Council to a stage 2 internal review.

ACTION: Cllr. Graham Bickers and Cllr. Paul Collins to draft a letter and circulate.

With the Council's permission, the Chairman extended the meeting by 30 minutes.

b) The Council postponed considering setting up a Community Energy Scheme until the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to next month's agenda.

c) The Council was grateful for a resident's kind offer of two free playpark safety signs but it decided not to accept them mainly due to the need to obtain Highways permission which is likely to be difficult. The Council also considered that signage was not particularly needed as both playparks are not on main roads.

d) The Council decided not to make a representation to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the proposed SPR EA1N and EA2 offshore windfarms as it considered parishes closer to the proposed onshore substation would make a fully informed response.

8. Administration

The Council reviewed and updated the Outstanding Actions list.

9. Finance

a) The Council noted the latest financial position detailed in **Appendix III**.

b) The Council postponed considering closing the two bank accounts at Barclays until the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to next month's agenda.

c) It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Beth Goose to raise the Clerk's salary by one point to salary point 12 within the LC1 range as set out in the Employment Briefing E02-18/2019-2020 National Salary Award. This currently equates to £11.22 per hour. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to amend contract and inform payroll.

d) The Council postponed consideration of the draft budget and setting the parish precept for the financial year 2020/2021 until the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to next month's agenda.

e) It was proposed by Cllr. Beth Goose, seconded by Cllr. Philip Baskett, and agreed to authorise the payments listed below. All in favour.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Newsletter Printing	Leiston Press	£20.00	LGA 1972 s.142
Clerk's Salary	Sharon Smith	£226.78	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk's Expenses	Sharon Smith	£5.40	LGA 1972 s.112
Jubilee Hall Car Park Signs	Leiston Press	£208.80	LGA 1972 s.111

10. Correspondence

The Council noted the correspondence received between 8th November 2019 and 5th December 2019 detailed in **Appendix IV**.

11. Questions to the Chair

Cllr. Stephen Morphey reported that the shed at Eastbridge burial ground may be in need of repair.

ACTION: Cllr. Graham Bickers to inspect condition and report back.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Appendix I - Financial Position

Bank Balances as at 14th November 2019

Barclays Current Account	£1,769.37
Barclays Savings Account	£1,516.00
NS&I Income Bond	£3,495.00
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	£6,780.37

General and Earmarked Reserves

EDF Energy Grant - Work Party Tools	£132.58
General Reserves	£2,495.00
Parish Playing Areas Maintenance and Sinking Fund	£1,000.00
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	£3,627.58

Bank Balance less Reserves

£3,152.79

Payments - December 2019

Leiston Press - Newsletter Printing	£20.00
Sharon Smith - Clerk's Salary	£226.78
Sharon Smith - Clerk's Expenses	£5.40
Leiston Press - Signs	£208.80
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	£460.98

Net Balance

£2,691.81

Appendix II - Sizewell Matters

1 TEAGS

Much of the effort this month has been in discussing with the various local wildlife/environmental groups and councillors at District and County levels approaches and some cooperation for the DCO examination which is likely to start in late summer 2020 assuming EDF submit their application in February or March 2020.

We attended the BEIS NGO Nuclear Forum in London on 4th December and met with some other groups with an interest in Sizewell and other potential nuclear power station developments. We also learned of some challenges that had been made to Wylfa and Hinkley that are perhaps not so much in the public eye and give pointers to approaches we will need to be aware of at an appropriate point in the application proceedings.

Further discussions have also been had with people who are directly affected by EDF's proposals locally. Landowners have now received Heads and Terms of agreement for purchasing land associated with the proposed Sizewell Link Road and other land that might be wanted and potentially compulsorily purchased, should no agreement be made between landowner and EDF between now and the end of July 2020.

The general meeting looked at priorities and areas we need to work on before the DCO application is submitted with a view to persuade EDF that the DCO should be fully surveyed and justified prior to submission, something that our MP has been pushing with EDF during Stage 3 and Stage 4 consultations.

We have attended various hustings with the candidate MPs and tried to arrange an "energy hustings" but in the end were unable to get enough of the candidates available on either of two dates that were potentially available. As an alternative, we did get position statements on Sizewell from all candidates apart from Tony Love (Independent) and published these on our website and Facebook pages as well as deliver copies to all the local villages and some to Aldeburgh. A poll was also set up on Facebook asking if Sizewell C was considered to be an issue in the election for our MP. At writing the response has been ~90% yes.

The next general meeting is scheduled for 13th January.

2 Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council Sizewell C Efforts

SZC Sustainability Analysis

No further progress.

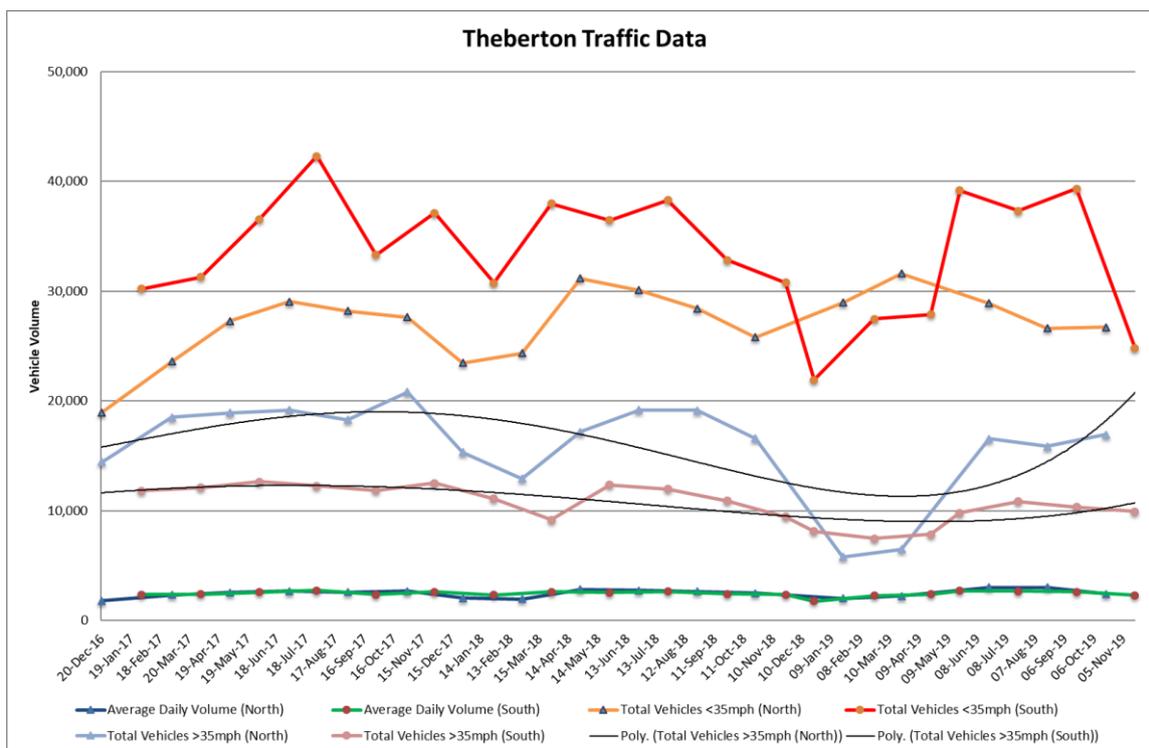
Appendix III - Speed Indicator Device

The speed indicator device has been operational for thirty-six ~20-day periods since 20th December 2016. It is placed at one end of the village or other at ~30 day intervals.

For the 4 months in 2019 the SID was placed at each end of the village but turned around to watch the traffic leaving the village. There is a drop in the number of vehicle movements which is due to the SID being having its radar blocked by cars on its nearside.

The last seven 20 day periods has seen the SID turned once again to face traffic coming into the village and traffic volumes and speeds have returned to similar averages seen in the previous period of facing traffic.

So whilst the vehicle movements data may be low during those 4 months (January to April), the more interesting statistics are that the percentage exceeding 35mph decreased to 16.9% and 21.4%, now returned to 39.4% and 24.6%, and the 85 percentile speed* was 35.8mph and 37.2mph compared to 40.7mph and 38.2mph when they enter the village showing that vehicles are slowing down further as they pass through the village.



SID Start Date	23-Oct-18	23-Nov-18	22-Dec-18	Village End 21-Jan-19	22-Feb-19	22-Mar-19	21-Apr-19	Village Start 21-May-19	20-Jun-19	20-Jul-19	19-Aug-19	18-Sep-19	18-Oct-19	17-Nov-19
Average Daily Volume (North)	2,494		1,768	2,007	2,284	2,240	2,383	2,721	3,031	2,676	3,033	2,615	2,424	2,317
Average Daily Volume (South)		2,368												
Total Vehicles (North)	42,397		30,054	34,733	34,956	38,091	35,743	48,977	45,461	48,175	42,466	49,682	43,631	34,762
Total Vehicles (South)		40,254												
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)	25,804		21,912	28,938	27,472	31,606	27,888	39,170	28,896	37,320	26,606	39,341	26,699	24,821
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)		30,790												
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)	16,593		8,142	5,795	7,484	6,485	7,855	9,807	16,565	10,855	15,860	10,341	16,932	9,941
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)		9,464												
85th percentile speed North (mph)	40.2		38.6	35.7	37.1	35.9	37.2	37.0	40.2	37.6	40.1	37.3	40.7	39.4
85th percentile speed South (mph)		38.0												
% <35mph (North)	60.9%		72.9%	83.3%	78.6%	83.0%	78.0%	80.0%	63.6%	77.5%	62.7%	79.2%	61.2%	71.4%
% <35mph (South)		76.5%												
% >35mph (North)	39.1%		27.1%	16.7%	21.4%	17.0%	22.0%	20.0%	36.4%	22.5%	37.3%	20.8%	38.8%	28.6%
% >35mph (South)		23.5%												

*The 85th Percentile is indicative of the speed that the majority of road users are travelling at.

Appendix IV - Correspondence

Suffolk Association of Local Councils

- a) Suffolk Coastal Area Forum Programme and Summary Notes.
- b) Shaping Suffolk Conference Review and Presentation Slides.
- c) Draft Constitution for Adoption at AGM.
- d) The Local Councillor E-Newsletter.
- e) E-bulletin - 22/11/19.

East Suffolk Council

- a) Notice of Parliamentary Election - 12/12/19.
- b) Election Notices - Suffolk Coastal Constituency.
- c) Green Issues - Inter-Newsletter Roundup November 2019.
- d) District Councillors - Brief Update.
- e) District Councillor comments on planning application DC/19/3966/FUL.
- f) District Councillors - December 2019 Report.

Sizewell

- a) SPR - East Anglian One North and Two Project Updates.
- b) East Anglian Daily Times - Request for Update on Coronation Wood.
- c) TASC - Invitation to The Nuclear Trap Film - at Stratford St. Andrew on 02/02/20.
- d) SALC - Sizewell A & B Stakeholders Group - representative elected.
- e) EDF Energy - Sizewell B Community Newsletter.
- f) Anglian Energy Planning Alliance - Joint Letter to Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy.
- g) SPR - East Anglian One North and Two Representations to the Planning Inspectorate Open.

Other

- a) Information Commissioner's Office - Latest News.
- b) Suffolk Constabulary - Safer Neighbourhood Team Quarterly Meeting.
- c) East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust - Working Together.
- d) Suffolk Coastal Norse - Suffolk Fly Tipping Campaign.
- e) Parish Online - News and Updates.
- f) The Rural Bulletin - 19/11/19, 26/11/19.
- g) AONB Monthly Update.
- h) Power for People - Request to support Local Electricity Bill.