

**MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

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

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Beth Goose - written and accepted
District Cllr. Tony Cooper

In attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Terry-Jill Haworth-Culf
District Cllr. Jocelyn Bond
3 members of the public

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Public Forum

- a) Tom McGarry, Carly Vince, Alan Lewis and George Buxton from EDF Energy briefed the Council on the latest Sizewell C developments and answered questions from the Council and the public.
- b) County Cllr Richard Smith reported that the Town and Parish Council's meeting on Sizewell C's stage 4 consultation, hosted by the Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG), was a good and useful event. JLAG are meeting with the Environment Agency next week to hear their views. JLAG have not yet formulated their response to stage 4 as many officers are on leave. The draft response will be made public before the cabinet meets to approve it on 4th September.
- c) District Cllr. Terry-Jill Haworth-Culf informed the Council that the District Councillors would be happy to offer funding to provide Wi-Fi in Jubilee Hall. The Council thanked Cllr. Haworth-Culf but explained that the decision to proceed rests with the Hall Management Committee. Cllr. Haworth-Culf also attended the JLAG event and said that the representatives from the Parish and Town Councils were very well-informed.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Morphey, seconded by Cllr. Stephen Brett and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 10th July 2019 be signed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

- a) None.
- b) The outstanding actions are detailed in **Appendix I**.

6. Meetings and Progress Reports

- a) Sizewell C - report attached as **Appendix II**.
- b) Speed Indicator Device - report attached as **Appendix III**.

7. Sizewell

- a) The Council's response to the proposals in EDF Energy's fourth Sizewell C consultation has not yet been formulated.

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

- b) The Council approved a letter drafted by Cllr. Paul Collins and Cllr. Graham Bickers to the National

Planning Casework Unit requesting that planning application DC/19/1637/FUL to relocate Sizewell B facilities be called-in. It was agreed to send the letter and a covering explanation to neighbouring Parish Councils to seek their support.

ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins and Clerk to progress.

c) Consideration of a request received from National Grid Interconnectors to brief the Council was postponed until the next meeting.

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

d) Following a lengthy discussion, the Council broadly agreed in principle to reject EDF Energy's proposal to construct two nuclear reactors at Sizewell. However it was felt it would not be beneficial to do so at this time as this would limit the Council's ability to negotiate the development proposals with EDF and it may restrict its ability to submit views to the Planning Inspectorate when the Development Consent Order has been applied for. It was further agreed to consider this request again following a review of the Council's strategy after the stage 4 consultation.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak to the resident.

e) The discussion to collaborate with the Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group was postponed until the next meeting.

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

8. Planning

a) Cllr. Graham Bickers proposed the Council supports planning application DC/19/3016/FUL - remove existing timber cladding and replace with fibre cement boarding - Cakes and Ale Caravan Park, Abbey Lane, Leiston. Seconded by Cllr. Hilary Ward. All in favour.

b) Cllr. Graham Bickers proposed the Council supports planning application DC/19/2867/FUL - continued use of land for standing of 4 mobile homes as holiday accommodation, two of which to be used as staff accommodation associated with existing caravan park - Cakes and Ale Caravan Park, Abbey Lane, Leiston. Seconded by Cllr. Hilary Ward. All in favour.

c) Consideration to forming an advisory group with responsibility for planning matters was postponed until the next meeting.

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

9. Parish Matters

a) Cllr. Hilary Ward reported that quotations to enhance the play equipment at Theberton were obtained, all in the region of £20,000. Cllr. Ward said she had consulted several families in Doughty-Wylie Crescent for their views on the proposals and the majority recommended that the Council select the proposal from Action Play and Leisure. The Council reviewed all the proposals and agreed with this recommendation. Cllr. Ward informed the Council that funding for the equipment could be applied for from two principal sources - the Enabling Communities Exemplar Programme and the Outdoor Playing Space Fund - both schemes are operated by East Suffolk Council. The Outdoor Playing Space Fund has £34,416 in the 'sports pot' which is shared with Leiston and Knodishall parishes. The proposed climbing tower is likely to qualify as sports equipment but the remaining equipment will be classified as play items. It was agreed to apply to the Exemplar Programme for £8,725 for the play equipment and to the Outdoor Playing Space Fund for £11,234 for the climbing tower. It is hoped any shortfall from these funding applications could be met by the Parish Council, the County Council and the Community Council. Cllr. Ward informed the Council that the deadline for the Exemplar Programme is 19th August 2019, but once submitted the application could still be amended for different items of play equipment following receipt of community feedback. Cllr. Ward was authorised to proceed without delay with the Exemplar Programme application. It was further agreed to invite members of the public to inspect the suggested proposal and make their views known to the Council at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr. Hilary Ward to submit Exemplar Programme application and to submit an article for the village newsletter. Clerk to obtain Outdoor Playing Space Fund application.

b) Establishing a maintenance and sinking fund for the play equipment was postponed until the next meeting.

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

c) Consideration to respond to Suffolk County Council's Green Access Strategy consultation was postponed until the next meeting.

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

10. Finance

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

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation for quarter 1 2019/2020 was postponed until the next meeting.

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

c) The annual review of the cemetery fees was postponed until the next meeting.

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

d) Consideration to pay the Clerk's salary monthly instead of quarterly was postponed until the next meeting.

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

e) It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett, seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed to authorise the payments listed below.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Newsletter Printing	Leiston Press	£15.00	LGA 1972 s.142
Local Council Administration Book	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	£38.33	LGA 1972 s.111

11. Correspondence

The Council noted the correspondence received between 6th July 2019 and 8th August 2019 detailed in **Appendix V**.

12. Questions to the Chair

Cllr. Stephen Morphey informed the Chair that an item of play equipment in Eastbridge (the springer) needs to be removed or repaired as it is damaged and may cause an injury.

ACTION: Cllr. Graham Bickers to inspect and take any necessary action.

13. 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 11th September 2019 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 10:20 pm.

Appendix I - Outstanding Actions

Meeting Date	Item Ref	Action	Responsibility	Comments
11/01/17	5a	Ascertain quantity of documentation to be stored and obtain quote from Sizewell Storage.	Clerk/Cllr. Joan Harvey/Cllr. Beth Goose	06/02/18 - to form part of the GDPR review. 10/04/19 - Cllr. Harvey to continue rationalising paper records and will liaise with the Clerk. Cllr. Goose to obtain quote.
06/09/17 08/11/17	5b 7c	Send SID data to SCC Highways and request a visit from the speed camera unit.	Cllr. Stephen Brett/Clerk	10/04/19 – Cllr. Brett to speak to County Cllr. Richard Smith.
06/09/17	5g	Order two playpark ownership signs.	Clerk.	13/06/18 - updated under item 10b. 10/04/19 – Clerk to progress.
08/11/17	10a	Purchase work party tools to the value of £515.	Cllr. Stephen Brett	10/04/19 – Cllr. Brett to progress.
08/11/17	12a	Draft an emergency plan and add to a future agenda for approval and also consideration of the provision of grit bins.	Clerk/Cllr. Beth Goose	29/11/18 - grit bin requested from County Cllr. Richard Smith. 10/04/19 – Clerk to send draft emergency plan to Cllr. Goose to progress.
10/01/18	5a	Install gate at Theberton play area.	Cllr. Stephen Brett/Cllr. Graham Bickers	29/11/18 - posts installed. 10/04/19 – waiting for trees by proposed gate site to be removed by a resident.
13/02/19	8c	Register the Eel's Foot Inn as an Asset of Community Value.	Clerk	10/04/19 – Clerk to progress.
13/03/19	3	To discuss the proposal to impose a speed limit in Eastbridge with an SCC Highways engineer.	Cllr. Stephen Brett	Waiting for contact details from County Cllr. Richard Smith.

Appendix II - Sizewell C Report

1 TEAGS

We attended Latitude and with six volunteers manning the stand for the three main days, Friday through Sunday. In the end we were allocated a spot very close to the main Latitude stage, not in the village (between the campsite and main festival area) which was much better as we had people passing by all day and when events in the main arena finished people exiting were coming past the area we were in to get to the food village and other stages. Having said all of that, the number of people stopping to talk was not overwhelming although we did meet a number of local supporters as well as people from much further afield such as Netherlands and one person from Hong Kong. After a day manning the stand (10:00 – 18:00) no one stayed to listen to the evening's festivities.

We did arrange for a press statement and be available for interviews on 18th July but only ITV, Radio Suffolk and EADT were in direct contact. Overall, it seems that having just finished Stage 3 Consultation there is a significant feeling of consultation overload. Looking at the attendance at our parallel exhibitions at Leiston, Yoxford and Woodbridge, bears this out. We did have a small number of people come to the “drop-in” session at Theberton Village Hall and a reasonable attendance at the Darsham Village Hall opening. Our last session will be at Middleton Village Fete on 24th August.

We met with Craig Rivett along with Lisa Chandler and Philip Ridley on 1st August. We were hoping that there might be some signs of a more robust attitude to EDF following the change in councillors, but we were not aware of much of a change in emphasis. One thing learned is that ESC and SCC has had sight of EDF's “independent” report on the Sizewell Link Road, apparently confirming its suitability but this has not been made available outside of ESC and SCC. We also were made aware that Historic England objected to aspects of the D2/W route. ESC also has issues with noise from rail movements even for the “integrated” strategy as 5 of the 6 movements are at night. Important dates that were discussed are 20th August – Local Plan Adoption and Stage 4 Cabinet meetings are 23rd September for ESC and 24th September for SCC.

We have been working with an organisation called SumOfUs to bring a petition against the government's proposal for a Regulated Asset Base model to finance new nuclear developments. At time of writing 24,256 signatures have been provided. Details at <https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-energy-bill-surcharge-for-new-nuclear?source=campaigns>. We are also encouraging any green energy providers to indicate their own objection to this proposal.

Our next event is the meeting in Theberton Church on 14th September 10:00-12:00. This was originally set up as a meeting with Richard Cuttall from Hinkley. However, since the Stage 4 announcement, we have decided to open this up to a meeting about the consultation as well as having Richard address us with the local experiences and learning how to deal with EDF at Hinkley both during consultation stage, during the DCO process and since the development got underway to present day. Bill Turnbull has agreed to be moderator once more. Advertising has now been started alongside letting our supporters know about the #LoveMinsmere Festival on Sunday 15th September with 1:00pm picture of a heart being taken by drone on Whin Hill. See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/love-minsmere-festival-tickets-67749539697>. Attendance is free, but if you want a car parking space or to reserve a tee-shirt please visit the site above.

The next steering meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28th August.

2 Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council Sizewell C Efforts

SZC Sustainability Analysis

No further progress. The changes to the operational car parking and training/visitor centre for SZC, the reduction to three borrow pits and the move of SZB facilities to Coronation Wood need to be taken into account. Further references to analyses of this type have been provided by contacts at RSPB.

3 Other

A meeting with the BLUECoast team took place on 8th August at RSPB Minsmere. Andy Plater and one of his colleagues attended and gave an update on the BLUECoast work looking at the effects of coastal erosion and potential breach scenarios across the Minsmere frontage. Attendees from AONB, RSPB, SWT,

Thorpeness and National Trust were in attendance. The project is still running and further work remains to be done but the greatest relevance of the information provided so far may be in support of long term planning for coastal retreat up the Minsmere valley. Interestingly, EDF has recently released additional information about breach modelling at the tank traps close to the northern end of the proposed SZC development, where the Beach Landing Facility would be located, in support of their SZB Relocation planning application.

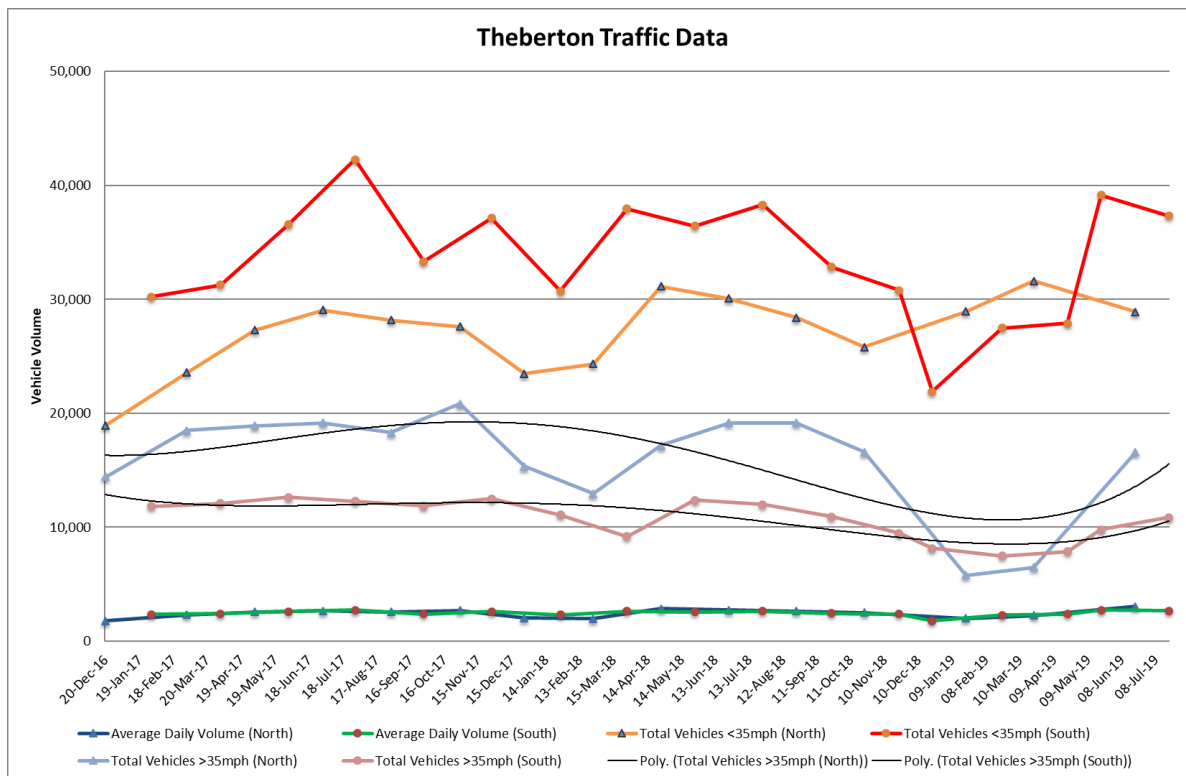
Appendix III - Speed Indicator Device

The speed indicator device has been operational for thirty-two ~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 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 three 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 39.6% and 24.6%, and the 85 percentile speed* is 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	25-Jun-18	25-Jul-18	24-Aug-18	24-Sep-18	23-Oct-18	23-Nov-18	22-Dec-18	21-Jan-19	22-Feb-19	22-Mar-19	21-Apr-19	21-May-19	20-Jun-19	20-Jul-19
Average Daily Volume (North)	2,740		2,643		2,494		1,768	2,007	2,284	2,240	2,383	2,721	3,031	2,676
Average Daily Volume (South)		2,647		2,431		2,368	1,768							
Total Vehicles (North)	49,239		47,560		42,397		34,733	34,733	34,956	38,091	35,743	48,977	45,461	48,175
Total Vehicles (South)		50,301		43,755		40,254	30,054							
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)	30,076		28,405		25,804		28,938	28,938	27,472	31,606	27,888	39,170	28,896	37,320
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)		38,303		32,833		30,790	21,912							
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)	19,163		19,155		16,593		5,795	5,795	7,484	6,485	7,855	9,807	16,565	10,855
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)		11,998		10,922		9,464	8,142							
85th percentile speed North (mph)	40.1		40.4		40.2		38.6	35.7	37.1	35.9	37.2	37.0	40.2	37.6
85th percentile speed South (mph)		37.9		38.3		38.0	38.6							
% <35mph (North)	61.1%		59.7%		60.9%		83.3%	83.3%	78.6%	83.0%	78.0%	80.0%	63.6%	77.5%
% <35mph (South)		76.1%		75.0%		76.5%	72.9%	16.7%	17.0%	17.0%	22.0%	20.0%	36.4%	22.5%
% >35mph (North)	38.9%		40.3%		39.1%		16.7%	16.7%	21.4%	17.0%	22.0%	20.0%	36.4%	22.5%
% >35mph (South)		23.9%		25.0%		23.5%	27.1%							

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

Appendix IV - Financial Position

Bank Balances as at 11th July 2019

Barclays Current Account	£4,775.61
Barclays Savings Account	£1,515.28
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	£6,290.89

General and Earmarked Reserves

EDF Energy Grant - Work Party Tools	£515.00
General Reserves	£2,495.00
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	£3,010.00

Bank Balance less Reserves **£3,280.89**

Payments - August 2019

Leiston Press - Newsletter Printing	£15.00
SALC - Local Council Administration Book	£38.33
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	£53.33

Net Balance **£3,227.56**

Appendix V - Correspondence

Suffolk Association of Local Councils

- a) Suffolk Coastal Area Forum Programme.
- b) Review of Governance Arrangements and Constitution Consultation.
- c) E-bulletin - 19/07/19.
- d) Better Broadband for Suffolk Briefing.
- e) Suffolk Coastal Area forum programme.
- f) Draft ICO Data Sharing of Practice.

East Suffolk Council

- a) Cllr. TJ Haworth-Culf - Monthly Report August 2019.

Suffolk County Council

- a) Message on behalf of County Cllr. Richard Smith and District Cllr. Craig Rivett.
- b) Press Release - Green Access Strategy Consultation.

Sizewell

- a) SPLG - Sizewell C Fourth Consultation.
- b) EDF Energy - Sizewell C Project Update July 2019.
- c) EDF Energy - Sizewell C Fourth Consultation.
- d) SPR - Development of our Plans - East Anglia One North and Two - August Update.
- e) EDF Energy - Sizewell C Public Exhibitions July 2019.
- f) EDF Energy - Sizewell B returns to service.
- g) JLAG - Stage 4 Consultation Event - presentation and feedback.
- h) SPLG - resignation of Secretary and request to transfer personal data.
- i) National Grid Ventures - Nautilus Interconnector Projects in East Suffolk.

Other

- a) PFK Littlejohn - AGAR Part 3 received and logged.
- b) Suffolk Preservation Society - the battle for Suffolk is about to intensify.
- c) ICO - Latest News.
- d) AONB - Autumn/Winter Newspapers - stories wanted.
- e) Parish Online - News and Updates.
- f) AONB - Monthly Update.
- g) Suffolk Constabulary - Newsletters.
- h) Email from a resident regarding the village newsletter.
- i) Email from a resident regarding the use of lawnmowers on Eastbridge Common.
- j) TWM Traffic Controls - are speeding vehicles a problem on your streets?
- k) Endurance Life - race to be held on 19/10/19.
- l) Email from a resident regarding Sizewell C.

