

**MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON  
ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 6:00 PM**

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr. Stephen Brett - Chair  
Cllr. Hilary Ward - Vice Chair  
Cllr. Beth Goose  
Cllr. Stephen Morphey  
Cllr. Paul Collins  
Cllr. Graham Bickers  
Cllr. Joan Harvey  
Cllr. Philip Baskett

**Apologies for absence:**

Cllr. Julian Wallis - no apology received

**In attendance:**

District Cllr. Geoff Holdcroft  
District Cllr. Tony Cooper  
District Cllr. Susan Geater  
Lisa Chandler- SCDC Energy Projects Manager  
County Cllr. Richard Smith  
Sharon Smith – Clerk/RFO  
2 members of the public

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr. Philip Baskett declared an interest in item 3. Dispensation granted at meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**3. Sizewell C Stage 3 Pubic Consultation**

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for coming. Points arising from the discussion held are as follows:

● **Position of Suffolk Coastal District Council**

- Cllr. Holdcroft's role is to represent the whole district.
- He will work diligently to secure the best deal for all residents of East Suffolk but at times it is a difficult balance.
- SCDC will consider all the options presented by EDF in their third stage of consultation and while all options will do some damage, SCDC will consider which is the least worst option for all.
- It is hoped the Joint Local Authority Group will come to a cohesive view in their response.
- SCDC will be in listening mode at the JLAG event at High Lodge and will take on board the Parish Council's views.
- District Councillors may not regularly attend Parish Council meetings but are still making pleas on its behalf.

● **Position of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council**

- Will be one of the worst affected parishes.
- Feels unsupported by District Council as Councillors do not attend Parish Council meetings regularly therefore unable to hear concerns and feedback.
- Feels let down and vulnerable and seeks support from District Council to mitigate some of the impact.

● **Accommodation Campus**

- SCDC urged to reconsider alternative locations put forward in the Boyer and Cannon report commissioned by SCC.
- SCDC should not run away from their obligations by allowing EDF to close down viable alternatives and present only one option.
- Cllr. Holdcroft agreed that JLAG will consider other site options.
- It is not compulsory for workers to use the accommodation campus therefore to protect the impact on the private rental sector SCDC will insist the campus must be an attractive

facility.

- The campus will be a secure facility, close to the construction site therefore less vehicle movements and EDF will use Codes of Conduct to regulate workers' behaviour.
- There has been no mitigation for the impact of the accommodation campus on Eastbridge, it may be preferable to split the accommodation into low-rise blocks across several sites.
- Current proposed site has limited legacy benefit.
- An accommodation site in Saxmundham, next to the proposed link road at a reasonable commuting distance, could leave legacy housing infrastructure. However, the Saxmundham site is part of SCDC's five year land supply in the published Local Plan and if it loses that site to EDF then alternative housing sites will need to be found.
- SCDC would prefer legacy housing however timing is not right. SCDC need housing allocation now.
- Workers could reside in Lowestoft and Ipswich and be bussed to the construction site. Not enough evidence yet to rule this option out.

- **Marine-Led vs Rail-Led vs Road-Led Strategies**

- The environmental study on the B1122 will be made available during the Development Consent Order process.
- The link road/bypass option will affect at least 40 households, other options affect less.
- SCDC are waiting for SCC Highways' decision on the suitability of the rail-led and road-led strategies however the information will not be available before the end of the consultation.
- EDF will be pushed to provide evidence that the marine-led strategy is no longer viable.
- At this time, SCDC's preferred option is the rail-led strategy. No opinion yet on road bypass of Theberton, waiting for views of JLAG and cabinet members.

- **AONB**

- A number of energy projects are proposed for the AONB which will take decades to recover
- Development in an AONB is only permitted in exceptional circumstances and it was a government decision as to the suitability of the Sizewell C site.
- SCDC are lobbying government for a joined-up approach to all the proposed energy projects.
- When the energy companies alight on a site SCDC will then consider mitigation and compensation.

- **Consultation Process**

- The consultation document is not detailed enough to evaluate all the options and make a decision therefore SCDC, as the planning authority, should consider whether this is a proper consultation.
- SCDC are waiting for professional advice as to the adequacy of the consultation, particularly in respect of the open questions on the marine-led and rail-led strategies. That advice will be taken into cognizance when considering their report to the Planning Inspectorate.

#### **4. Planning**

The Council considered planning application DC/18/5232/FUL - demolition of existing 32sqm single storey double garage/workshop. Erection of a 33sqm multipurpose storage/office/workshop studio space - Honey Pot Cottage, 5 Rattla Corner, Theberton. The Council observed that the height and pitch of the roof of the proposed building may overwhelm and dominate the visual amenity of the adjacent property, Teapot Hall. Proposed by Cllr. Graham Bickers. Seconded by Cllr. Hilary Ward. All in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform the planning authority of the Council's observations.**

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.

