

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2023 AT 7:00 PM

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett - Chair
Cllr. Hilary Ward - Vice Chair
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Bob Flindall
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Hazel Collins

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Nat Bacon – written and accepted
District Cllr. Russ Rainger
District Cllr. Tom Daly

District Cllr. Tony Cooper

In attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
No members of the public

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Public Forum

a) County Councillor Richard Smith reported that the budget process for next financial year is nearing conclusion. The government announced more financial support than expected, particularly for social care. The County Council will be recommending a 4% increase to its precept. Cllr. Smith said that with inflation over 10% they have done their best. The Scrutiny Committee will review the budget and the final decision will be taken by Full Council on 9th February 2023.

b) Tom McGarry, Head of Stakeholder Engagement for Sizewell C, updated the Council on the latest developments with Sizewell C, the creation of the marsh harrier habitat, and EDF's commitment to meet their eleven community pledges which are legally binding in the Deed of Obligation. Mr McGarry then summarised the latest version of the Property Price Support Scheme ('PPSS') and answered questions from the Council. Mr McGarry informed the Council that he will be leaving EDF in February 2023 and his role will be filled by Marjorie Barnes.

ACTION: Clerk, Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Paul Collins to draft a response to EDF regarding the PPSS and to circulate for comments.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward, seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2022 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

5. Casual Vacancy

There were no applicants for the casual vacancy.

6. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

a) Energy Projects – the Council noted Cllr. Paul Collins' previously circulated report which is attached as Appendix I.

b) Police Crime Report – the Clerk said three crimes were reported in November 2022. There was two sexual/violence offences reported near Onner's Lane and one criminal damage/arson reported near Baker's Lane.

c) Speed Indicator Device – the Council noted Cllr. Paul Collins' previously circulated report which is attached as Appendix II.

7. Finance

- a) The Council noted the latest financial position which is attached as Appendix III.
- b) The Council noted the bank reconciliation for Quarter 3 2022-2023.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward, seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins, and agreed to authorise the payments listed below. All in favour.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Sharon Smith	£386.78	LGA 1972 s.112
Jubilee Hall Broadband	Sharon Smith	£31.68	LG (MP) A 1976 s.19
Clerk's Expenses	Sharon Smith	£66.38	LGA 1972 s.112
Clerk's PAYE	HM Revenue and Customs	£71.40	LGA 1972 s.112

8. Administration

The Council conducted the annual review of the Burial Ground fees and made no changes.

9. Correspondence

The Council reviewed the correspondence received between 10th December 2022 and 5th January 2023.

10. Next Meeting

The Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7:00 pm at Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Appendix I – Energy Projects Report

1 TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

The TASC Judicial Review has now been scheduled for 22nd and 23rd March. This will be a “rolled-up” hearing where the reversion (oral consideration of the so far rejected grounds) and the full JR hearing are combined.

Following comments provided by Justice Holgate on the submitted grounds, one procedural ground has been dropped from the list leaving seven grounds going forward. These will be examined again once skeleton arguments and detailed arguments are provided to the court about 3 weeks before the hearing.

On the wider Stop Sizewell C campaigning, we continue to highlight the issues with financing and the problems associated with the EPRs in Taishan which are causing the French regulators to press EDF for material changes to its design. We still await an official response from the ONR on these issues and the IRSN documents detailing their concerns and required changes.

At our committee meeting on Monday, we agreed to continue Alison’s full time employment for 2023 but will keep all options open as the SZC Financial Investment Decision is sought by EDF and HMG who are currently 50% joint owners of the SZC company.

The intention is for both to become 20% maximum owners should a successful FID be completed. Dates and timescales for completion of FID are still vague still but unlikely before early 2024, with one undersecretary even stating that it could be as late as 2025.

The new BEIS Secretary of State, Grant Shapps, stated that he is more interested in making sure the project is properly managed within environmental and other constraints than getting the FID completed. In the press the progress of Great British Nuclear, the vehicle for pushing the nuclear ambitions of HMG, seem to be stalling over both scale and costs.

2 T&E Parish Council

All residents who are potentially able to claim against the EDF Property Price Support Scheme should now have received details of the scheme via hand delivered documents.

3 Scottish Power DCO Examination

SASES JR failed on all grounds. They are considering an appeal.

4 Eurolink, Nautilus and Sea Link Interconnectors

No further news on any of these projects, although Tom McGarry will be leaving EDF and joining NGET who are developers of the Sea Link project.

5 EDF SZC B1122 plans

Draft minutes have been circulated by Sharon and another meeting date is yet to be proposed.

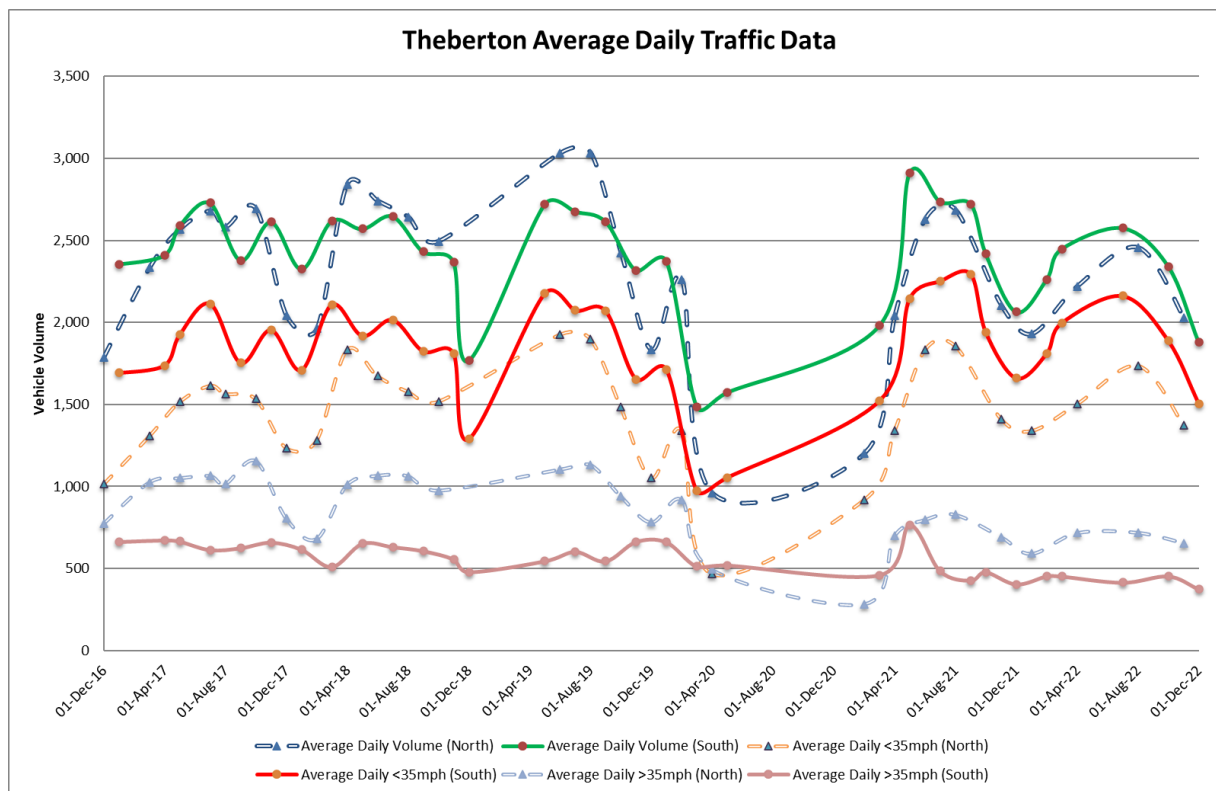
Appendix II – Speed Indicator Device

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

Traffic volumes in the period since March 2021 are back to normal and the long-term averages for those exceeding 35mph is now **37.1%** from north and **23.5%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is at close to 40mph with **40.2mph** from north and **37.9mph** from south when they enter the village.

The solar panel continues to keep the batteries charged allowing the full 20 days of recording to take place.



SID Start Date	16-Oct-21	08-Nov-21	11-Dec-21	09-Jan-22	10-Feb-22	26-Mar-22	23-Apr-22	24-Jul-22	18-Aug-22	21-Oct-22	20-Nov-22	20-Dec-22
Average Daily Volume (North)		2,105		1,930			2,220		2,456		2,030	
Average Daily Volume (South)	2,418		2,064		2,263	2,449		2,576		2,342		1,879
Total Vehicles (North)		29,469		30,875		36,733		33,306		49,122		40,605
Total Vehicles (South)	29,021		30,965		29,421	36,733		46,362		44,493		35,702
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)		19,774		21,425		22,548		34,741		27,495		27,495
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)	23,281		24,905		23,530	29,951		38,899		35,882		28,589
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)		9,695		9,450		10,758		14,381		13,110		13,110
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)	5,740		6,060		5,891	6,782		7,463		8,611		7,113
Average Daily <35mph (North)		1,412		1,339		1,503		1,737		1,375		1,375
Average Daily <35mph (South)	1,940		1,660		1,810	1,997		2,161		1,888		1,505
Average Daily >35mph (North)		693		591		717		719		655		655
Average Daily >35mph (South)	478		404		453	452		415		453		374
85th percentile speed North (mph)		39.0		38.7			39.2		38.7		39.2	
85th percentile speed South (mph)	36.8		36.7		37.0	36.4		35.5		36.7		36.9
% <35mph (North)		67.1%		69.4%			67.7%		70.7%		67.7%	
% <35mph (South)	80.2%		80.4%		80.0%	81.5%		83.9%		80.6%		80.1%
% >35mph (North)		32.9%		30.6%			32.3%		29.3%		32.3%	
% >35mph (South)	19.8%		19.6%		20.0%	18.5%		16.1%		19.4%		19.9%

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

Appendix III – Financial Position

Bank Balances as at 15th December 2022

Barclays Current Account	£4,623.87
Barclays Savings Account	£19,919.19
	<u>£24,543.06</u>

Earmarked Reserves

Parish Playing Areas Maintenance and Sinking Fund	£3,000.00
Burial Ground Shed Roof Fund	£601.53
Community Infrastructure Levy 2021-2022	£651.14
Community Infrastructure Levy 2022-2023	£1,279.67
Jubilee Hall Broadband	£314.45
Platinum Heritage Trail	£10,000.00
	<u>£15,846.79</u>

Bank Balance less Reserves **£8,696.27**

Receipts – December 2022

Barclays Bank - Interest	£11.11
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Payments – January 2023

Sharon Smith – Clerk's Salary	£386.78
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	£71.40
Sharon Smith – Jubilee Hall Broadband	£31.68
Sovereign – Eastbridge Play Equipment Maintenance	£17.99
Sharon Smith – Clerk's Expenses	£52.38
	<u>£560.23</u>

Net Balance **£8,147.15**