

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7:00 pm at Jubilee Hall, Theberton.
Public and press are welcome to attend.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair – late due to hay bailing
Cllr. Hilary Ward – Vice Chair
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Bob Flindall
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Hazel Collins
Cllr. Daryl Ash
Cllr. Nat Bacon - late

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Tom Daly - apologised
District Cllr. Katie Graham

Members of the public:

One member of the public.

In attendance:

Honor Houlding - Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock

2. To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations

None.

3. Public Forum

- a) Members of the public may address the Council on any agenda item.

Cllr. Hilary Ward invited the member of the public to observe the meeting, to see whether they would prospectively like to join Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council. The Council welcomed the member to the meeting.

- b) To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Cllr. Richard Smith thanked the new members of The Parish Council for their work on behalf of the community and welcomed them to the meeting. He made mention to the new cabinet and political landscape and that the new administration will continue to work together closely across the county.

The Council are holding a cabinet meeting on 13th June 2023 to report on their 2022-2023 budget where they plan to spend £640,000,000. He also reported an overspend of £21,000,000 in last year's budget including a 3.4% increase spent on children's services. The number of children in care in Suffolk has raised to 1,000, an increase of 70 extra children this year. He continued to explain that this is a typical increase across the country due to growing social issues and the increase of complex cases.

With regards to Sizewell C, County Cllr. Richard Smith discussed the delay in the response from the recent judicial review and whether this was because the works are deemed to be unjust.

Cllr Paul Collins added that he felt that the case should have been escalated to the Supreme Court.

County Cllr. Richard Smith added that he hoped that EDF have considered the works they have begun in the area and that they are fully reversible until the total amount of investment has been sourced and confirmed. He thanked the Parish for its great work in this area and assured the council that his long term interest is to support the council through the coming years.

- c) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock was welcomed by The Council for her first meeting at Theberton Village Hall. Cllr. Sarah Whitelock then summarised her report which is attached below as **Appendix I**.

Cllr. Hilary Ward expressed interest in the grants available for electric car charging points in the village and how having car charging ports could attract visitors and tourists to the village.

[ACTION: Honor summarise Sarah Whitelock's report from District Council.](#)

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 10th May 2023.

Cllr. Robert Flindall Bob proposed a change to the minutes with regards to item 5.a.

[ACTION: Clerk to make suggested amendment and add the amended recorded minutes to The Parish Council website.](#)

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins seconded by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2023 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- b) Matters arising.

Cllr. Hilary Ward explained a phone call she had received from a local resident reporting that he had heard and then witnessed two residents of the village damaging the Child's Play Equipment at Theberton Playing Field. The Wooden Tractor had been damaged so that the mud guards had come away from the main tractor structure. After the telephone call, Cllr. Hillary Ward visited the playing field and took photographs of the damage that had taken place.

The resident who reported the situation has since lathed the mud guards to make them safe for children to continue to play at the playing field .Cllr. Nat Bacon very kindly offered to remake the parts required and restore the tractor back to its original state.

The Councillors thought that this should be reported to a local community support officer and to seek advice from the police on how to proceed to prevent any future matters from arising.

[ACTION: Cllr. Nat Bacon to attend the playing field and assess how he can best replicate the broken mud guards to fix the child play equipment.](#)

[ACTION: Cllr. Daryl Ash offered to make enquiries with our local community support officer with regards to the recent event at Theberton Playing Field.](#)

It was noted by the council the Clerk had not added a line item on the June meeting agenda to discuss planning, therefore planning was discussed at this stage of the meeting.

Robert Flindall agreed he will help to produce a report showing some of the issues the Parish have experienced when dealing with previous planning applications. It was mentioned that the Council should consider attending a Council meeting at Campsea Ash and work together with other local councils to learn how to respond to applications, how to interpret information and influence the planning department.

Due to the most recent change of cabinet, Tom Daly will be more deeply involved with the planning department specifically with regards to the progress of Sizewell C and that we should work alongside our councillor's, aspiring for guidance on how we can achieve better results.

East Suffolk Council are hosting a meeting on 7th July to open conversations between councils and planning department on how processes can be improved.

[ACTION: Clerk to always ad planning to each agenda whether there are or are not any planning applications to be considered.](#)

[ACTION: Chair. Stephen Brett to attend the East Suffolk Planning Forum on 7th July.](#)

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to circulate planning report once completed.](#)

5. Energy Projects

- a) Cllr. Paul Collins summarised his previously circulated report which is attached as **Appendix II**.

In addition to the report, Cllr Paul Collins mentioned the Property Price Support Scheme Initiative and how Sizewell C had not properly dealt with the scheme and that further action should be taken due to the fact the scheme only covered those already under compulsory purchase orders.

[ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins to review and finalise the PPSS letter with Chair. Clerk to send email to list of delegates.](#)

Chairman Stephen Brett arrives to meeting and apologises for missing start of this evening's meeting.

Chairman Stephen Brett recently attended a meeting with Scottish Power Renewables discussing the archaeological works at Theberton Airfield and their planned parking site at this location. At the meeting it was proposed that 46 cars would take the proposed route in and out of the location. It was decided by the Council that the proposed route did not affect Theberton and Eastbridge Council and that as the matter is at planning stage, there were no further actions required at this time.

County Cllr. Richard Smith left the meeting.

6. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

a) Heritage Trail.

Cllr. Steven Morphey noted that there was nothing to report with regards to the proposition of the Heritage Trail from last month and that the circumstance stood that those involved were busy throughout summer. It was discussed that both Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Steven Morphey would visit the Village Historian before next month's meeting to enquire how we could make progress with the project and wish her well with her present circumstances.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett & Cllr. Stephen Morphey to visit Village Historian to discuss the Heritage Trail Project.](#)

b) Community Council/Jubilee Hall Management Committee.

Cllr. Hilary Ward attended the Community Council and Jubilee Hall Management meeting to discuss the possible location of a filing cabinet at the Jubilee Hall. The Chairman of the Community Council had suggested the Arts and Craft Shed as a potential location, however Cllr. Hilary Ward has since visited the space and expressed concern over the amount of room available and how this may impact the valued members of the Craft Group. The Council agreed a space inside the Jubilee Hall would be more appropriate, with specific mention to the cupboard underneath the electricity board and lighting switches at the front of the hall as a possible locked location to store files.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to contact Steve Nicholls to discuss using cupboard in the corner of the Jubilee Hall.](#)

New security lighting has been installed by the outbuildings and also at the front of the hall to increase security measures.

Due to a double booking the Community Council had previously requested that the Duke of Edinburgh Award students camp on Theberton playing field instead of in their usual place behind the Village Hall. Cllr. Stephen Brett considered this to be a good solution and confirmed that it would be covered by our public liability insurance.

Cllr. Hilary Ward reported that the Kings Coronation event at the village hall in May, did not welcome as many guests as the Community Council would have liked to have participated on the day.

Cllr. Hilary Ward also noted the waste bin at the Theberton Playing Field had not recently been emptied and was becoming a health hazard due to its overflowing nature in a children's play area. It was thought that East Suffolk Norse may be forgetting to empty this waste location and that particularly during the summer months this was a problem to those that use the playing field.

[ACTION: Cllr. Nat Bacon offered to assess this on his walks of the village and phone East Suffolk Norse if the bin does not appear to be being emptied on a regular basis.](#)

c) Speed Indicator Device.

Cllr. Paul Collins summarised his previously circulated report which is attached as **Appendix III**.

Cllr. Paul Collins mentioned that during his Speed Indicator Device checks he had been approached by a member of the public with regards to cars approaching the village from the Yoxford direction at high speeds. The council agreed that the Police Speed

Checks at Doughty Wylie Crescent could have a larger impact if relocated to the lay by close to Wild About Birds at the other side of the village.

ACTION: Clerk to speak to local police department about change of location and possible increase to Police speed checks in the village.

d) Police Crime Report.

No crimes to report.

e) Eastbridge Common.

In last month's meeting it was mentioned that the Common was becoming increasingly overgrown and the wildflower initiative may not have been a success however since then, wildflower has begun to grow around the edges of The Common. However, the consensus from The Council was that the area will require further action in the Autumn once the flowers had come to the end of their life. Cllr. Nat Bacon suggested that The Common should be sprayed to prevent unwanted flora as cutting back may only encourage the wrong flora to grow back in following years.

Cllr. Hilary Ward also mentioned adding rails to the outskirts of The Common to discourage residents from parking on the area.

ACTION: Cllr. Nat Bacon and Cllr. Stephen Brett to visit The Common and Cllr. Nat Bacon to advise what type of spray should be purchased for the best outcome of The Common.

f) Strategic Objectives.

Due to the fact the Council have two newly elected councillors in the Council it was decided that the Strategic Objectives be discussed later in the year to allow the new councillors time to adjust to their roles.

ACTION: Clerk to add the Strategic Objectives to September's Agenda.

g) Clerk Update – BT Broadband, Filing Cabinet & SALC Training

The Clerk updated the council on the end of their BT Broadband contract due to end on 1st July 2023. The proposed new contract is due to renew at a monthly cost of £34.99. The council thought that a more cost effective option with a new supplier could be available.

ACTION: Clerk to review Broadband only deals and report back to the Council with options of renewal.

As agreed in April's meeting, the Clerk has requested to attend New Clerk Training with SALC consisting of six modules to assist with her growth in the role of Parish Clerk beginning on the 29th of June 2023.

To add to the Clerk update, Honor Houlding mentioned she had contacted Community Heartbeat with regards to checking the Parish defibrillators and that at present, they were all in good working order.

The councillors agreed that they would also like to refresh their knowledge of using defibrillators and that the two new council members may also be interested in training.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Community Heartbeat -to find out whether any training sessions are available to the Parish.

7. Parish Matters

a) To discuss the proposal of Eastbridge Dog Waste Disposal.

It was discussed at last month's meeting the proposal of a Dog Waste Bin in Eastbridge. Clerk, Honor Houlding contacted East Suffolk Council with regards to best practice for personal dog waste disposal. The response was that double bagged dog waste can be placed in your kerbside rubbish bin, despite the fact Cllr. Hazel Collins had previously received a note requesting her not to dispose of her dog's waste in this manner.

Cllr. Hazel Collins and the Council agreed that at this current time, there was no requirement to pursue the action of acquiring a dog waste disposal bin in Eastbridge and that there were no further actions required.

b) To discuss the ongoing maintenance of Theberton Petanque Piste.

Cllr. Stephen Brett mentioned his conversation with Chair of the Community Council Steve Nicholls with regards to the Parish filing cabinet location. The Community Council Chair had brought up the matter of maintenance responsibilities with regards to the Theberton Petanque piste and whether this was a Community Council or Parish Council matter.

Cllr. Hilary Ward as the Parish representative to the Community Council concurred that the Petanque players of the Parish were happy to continue their efforts keeping the piste clean and ready for use. Therefore, there are no further actions required at this time.

8. Finance

a) To note the latest financial position.

The review of the latest financial position was approved by Cllr. Hazel Collins and seconded by Cllr. Hillary Ward to a be a true record. All in favour.

Cllr. Stephen Morphey proposed a question with regards to the earmarked reserves for the Burial Ground Shed roof repair which was budgeted at £600. The final repair figure came to £347.65 and suggested the remaining budgeted amount could be used to paint the Burial Ground Shed Doors.

ACTION: Clerk to add purchase of paint and upkeep of Burial Ground Shed doors to to next month's agenda.

Cllr. Stephen Bett also noted the cheque received from Tony Brown Funeral Services of £145 for the retrospective interment of Mrs. Lee's ashes on 13th May 2023.

b) To agree to renew the Parish Council insurance policy with Community Action Suffolk.

The Community action Suffolk Insurance Renewal form had been cocirculated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Clerk, Honor Houlding proposed a question with regards to personal accident cover as this was not recorded on last year's insurance documentation. Cllr. Paul Collins expressed interest in the cover in case of accident when operating the Parish Speed Indicator Device.

ACTION: To request more information on what is covered under the personal accident section and gain quotes from Community Action Suffolk.

c) To agree to renew the tractor insurance policy with NFU Mutual.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Morphey, seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed to authorise the renewal of the Parish tractor insurance with NFU Mutual. All in favour.

c) To authorise the payments listed below:

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward, seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey and agreed to authorise the payments listed. All in favour.

| Details | Payee | Amount | Power |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|
| Clerk's Salary | Honor Houlding | £301.67 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| BT Broadband - invoice | BT Invoice | £36.24 | LG (MP) A 1976 s.19 |
| P30 Employer's Payslip Q1 | HMRC | £199.80 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| Tractor Insurance | NFU Mutual | £52.84 | LGA 1972 s.111 |

11. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 6th May 2023 and 6th June 2023.

One item of correspondence from the email inbox was highlighted. The email was from a resident with regards to the strimming of hedges and in particular strimming underneath of hedges at this time of year by a parish representative. The Council agreed that strimming hedges during nesting season should be avoided and that this would be mentioned to those involved with this instance. No further actions required.

12. Questions to the Chair/Items for the Next Agenda

Cllr. Paul Collins mentioned the dual sets of keys for the Parish Speed Indicator Device. Paul Collins usually operates the device; however, he is aware that a previous councillor may hold the second set of keys. To cover any emergency situations where Paul may not be able to access the device, it was thought the keys should be held by a current Council member.

ACTION: Cllr Steve Brett to check with resident we believe to hold the keys and collect them. This item will be added to next month's agenda to discuss who should hold the second set and sign for holding the keys.

The Clerk posed a question to the Council with regards to her attendance to the next agreed Parish Council meeting date of the 12th of July 2023 and whether it was agreeable by the Council for her to attend virtually due to work commitments made prior to her accepting the role as Clerk in April 2023. It was agreed by the Council to allow the Clerk to attend via Google Meet for the next meeting. The Clerk also requested that the meeting in July to be recorded by a present Councillor to provide a backup record of the meeting to cover any potential connectivity issues. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to initiate invitation via Google Meet to Cllr. Paul Collins and request a recording of the meeting is taken closer to the time.

Cllr. Stephen Brett, Chairman proposed to co-opt Graham Ward to the Council. Graham Ward agreed to join the Council as a co-opted nominee and was thanked by The Chair and the Council for his commitment to the Parish.

ACTION: Clerk to register Graham Ward for Register of Interests at East Suffolk Council and gain signed Declaration of Interest Form for newly co-opted council member.

13. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding
Parish Clerk
6th June 2023
Meeting ended at 21.15

Town and Parish Report
East Suffolk Council GLI Group – Councillor Update 12.06.23

#ShakeltOut campaign

This has been launched by the Suffolk Waste Partnership to encourage households in Suffolk to help improve recycling rates across the county by making sure black bin bags and other plastic sacks are not thrown in with recyclable materials. The Partnership, made up of the county, district and borough councils in Suffolk, says more than a quarter (26%) of the materials in Suffolk's recycling bins in 2022/23 were not able to be processed as they were spoiled.

Items that contributed to spoiled recycling collections included:

- Materials that were not clean and dry, or contained food and drink residue
- Rubbish sacks or plastic bags containing recycling
- Non-recyclable items, such as nappies and food waste

Plastic bags and rubbish sacks are a particular problem – recycling handlers can't see what's inside them and they are often full of rubbish or other non-recyclable items.

For more information, visit: www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/shake-it-out

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

East Suffolk Council has been allocated £2.75m to invest across two and a half years (2022/23 - 24/25) in initiatives that will address inequality and contribute to levelling up. This is in addition to the £3.75m Multiply element of the UKSPF, which Suffolk County Council can apply for to support adult numeracy across the county. The funding can only be unlocked upon submission of an Investment Plan which is signed off by both the council and the government. East Suffolk Council received official approval from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for our UKSPF Investment Plan on 5 December 2022.

East Suffolk Council have launched a series of grant schemes as part of our eight key programmes, including: Events, Art and Culture Grant; East Suffolk Pantries Grant and the Move to Net Zero Grant. There are multiple rounds of applications for these grants; for example, the East Suffolk Pantries Grant Scheme is a three-year programme which aims to help people in need to access affordable food in their local community.

Following a successful first round, the second round of funding applications is now open. Grants of up to £4,500 are available and applications close on 30 June.

For more information, visit: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/business/uk-shared-prosperity-fund

East Suffolk Council Apprenticeship Opportunities

East Suffolk Council is offering the chance for people to enhance their skills and boost their career ambitions with the return of its successful apprenticeship scheme.

This year, the successful scheme, which has seen over 80% of participants stay beyond their apprenticeship, has nine new opportunities available in a number of teams, including Legal, ICT, Climate Change and Sustainability, Customer Services, Finance, HR, Asset Management, Housing and Procurement.

Applications close on 25 June and successful applicants start in September.

For more information, visit: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/east-suffolk-council-apprenticeship-jobs

It is now just two weeks until East Suffolk Services Ltd (ESSL) begins delivering a wide range of crucial services, on behalf of East Suffolk Council.

To ensure as smooth a transition of services as possible, a number of ESC teams and support services are involved. This means that support services, such as HR and Digital/ICT colleagues will be working hard to ensure everything goes according to plan.

Please do be patient during the next few weeks if you require support. They would be grateful if you could limit your enquiries, as much as possible, to urgent matters only for the time being.

The company begins trading on 1 July with services which will include Waste and Recycling collections, Grounds Maintenance, Street Cleansing, Facilities Management, CCTV, Home Alarms and Parking Enforcement.

Saxmundham and North East Connect

Cllr Daly and Cllr Whitelock attended an information event regarding Saxmundham and North East Integrated Neighbourhood Team (INT) and CONNECT Group who are developing a Wellbeing Hub at the Waterloo Centre in Leiston. This will be an opportunity to work with partners to promote positive mental and physical health and wellbeing in Leiston and surrounding area. The early indications are the following providers are keen to work with the Partners on providing services: Turning Point (Alcohol and Drug abuse), Suffolk MIND, Social Prescribing Team, Citizens Advice and ActivLives (Falls Prevention). Funding has been secured to appoint a Centre Coordinator to further develop the project over a period of one year, while also looking at opportunities for additional provision at other locations across the Saxmundham and North East INT area.

Other activities:

Clls Daly and Whitelock attended a meeting with the Office for Nuclear Regulator 25/05/23 to understand the licence application for the Sizewell C site. Topics covered included internal and external hazards (eg flooding), engineering of the cut off wall, emergency arrangements and Taishan fuel core.

Clls Daly and Whitelock contributed to the District Council response to the consultation regarding community benefits of local energy projects. The document can be found here:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Strategic-engagement/ESC-Response-to-Community-Benefits-Consultation.pdf>

Cllr. Whitelock was asked by Leiston Town Council to look into EV charging points. An initial meeting was held with a possible supplier on 12 June. It is hoped to make it possible to offer any town or parish councils this option but discussions are at a very early stage. It's clear that one of the issues to be addressed would be the sufficiency of electrical supply at preferred sites.

Appendix II – Energy Reports

1 TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

Whilst we expected a decision on the Judicial Review between 4 and 6 weeks from the conclusion of the hearing which would place a decision between 21st April and 4th May, as stated in previous months, this period is not predictable.

The old BEIS Nuclear NGO meeting is now moved to DESNZ and Alison attended. The meeting covered issues with TASC's barring from the meeting although there were different views on whether the exclusion was appropriate or not, provided the discussion did not stray into JR related issues.

- Apart from that SZC, the EPR, Taishan learnings and IRSN statements re Flamanville 3 were all covered in the meeting. DESNZ referred much of the EPR issues to the Office for Nuclear Regulation. They stated that they would like to start the capital raise "this year".
- There was also a discussion about the SZC Value for Money assessment which they hope will use a new Power Sector Model that will fix certain anomalies in the current Dynamic Distribution Model that is unable to include longer term power storage technologies. DDM can only work with storage and use within a single 24-hour period which excludes long term storage batteries, hydrogen generation and storage or pumped storage. Quite a major limitation.

The Environment Agency meeting about the three granted discharge permits on 15th May 15:30 – 17:00 via Microsoft Teams was well attended. Significant issues were raised about the lack of an Acoustic Fish Deterrent at SZC and the recent change of tack by the EA at Hinkley Point C despite the public enquiry and the Secretary of State saying the AFD at HPC should be fitted. Questions were also raised about radioactive discharges and the number of permits that will need to be applied for and agreed with the EA during construction. An estimate of around 100 was given which will cover all manner of things including the temporary desalination plant.

The Office for Nuclear Regulation meeting regarding the Nuclear Site License on 25th May 09:30 – 12:00 was attended by a somewhat limited audience, restricted to those invited by the ONR which included members of the ONR NGO Group which, Stop Sizewell C is a member of. Tom Daly and Sarah Whitelock, (ESC Green Councillors) and Paul Patterson from Coastal Protection East were also present which allowed Bill Parker (ex Head and founding member of CPE) to discuss our concerns regarding the Hard and Soft Coastal Defence and its position on the coast in front of Sizewell C. We have agreed with Paul that we will walk the frontage with him and I have sent an updated and pointed copy of one of our Issue Specific Hearing submissions. Tom Daly indicated that he and Kay Yule (Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management) would also like to attend. We are looking for a date in July.

The ONR do not see it as their responsibility to assess the function of either the cut-off wall or the HCDF/SCDF with regards to the safety of the SZC platform. Their belief is that the cut-off wall is only there to allow dewatering of the site, as was the case for SZB – which is built on a crag outcrop. However the SZC site inside the cut off-wall will be excavated to a depth of 30-50m (COW is ~60m deep into London Clay) and backfilled with "engineered material". If the wall isn't there then the site cannot exist as there would be nothing to retain the back-fill and the HCDF/SCDF is there to protect the COW and the site, but this seems to be lost on the ONR.

Paul Patterson did say that they were hoping to have a new version of the HCDF/SCDF design in July, however, it is not clear that anyone outside of ESC/CPE will have access to this as it is part of a "Discharge of Requirements" application and there is no requirement for anyone outside the statutory organisations mentioned in the DCO to be consulted.

Bill Parker and myself met with Richard Buxton of Buxtons solicitors to discuss a number of coastal issues and we walked the coastal frontage and SSSI crossing area with him on 1st June.

Stop Sizewell C is working on an extension to our campaign to influence potential investors. Further information will be available as our plans progress.

The next guided walk around the SZC site is on Wednesday 21st June. With significant advanced ground clearance preparations now active, the change and extent of the construction site is becoming more apparent. A temporary road for access to the clearance site, to avoid the use of Bridleway 19, is now being constructed to join Lovers Lane between the B1122 and the Kenton Hill car park turn-off. Planning permission will be needed from SCC for the Lovers Lane junction as this is not directly covered in the Development Consent Order. I assume this has been given, although I could not find any reference to it on the SCC website.

2 Energy Projects Cumulative Impact Group and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

No further news.

3 T&E Parish Council

I understood that a dedicated website was going to be created at ESC to bring all of SZC planning and approval issues together rather than have to search for them in the general planning website at ESC as over time there will be many of these and such a site should help with ability of residents and others to respond to these items.

However, ESC point out that for “Discharge of Requirements” applications, there is no requirement for anyone outside the statutory organisations mentioned in the DCO to be consulted.

ESC planning also sent an explanation on how to get automatic updates for SZC Discharge of Requirements updates. I’ve registered a search alert but the search criteria do not seem to work sufficiently to restrict the results to Sizewell C Discharge of Requirements requests. I also have results going back to 1990 about the Sizewell Holiday park and requests from Sizewell A and Sizewell B that do not match the “Discharge of Requirements” search criteria and try as I may, it doesn’t seem possible to get rid of these erroneous results. I have reported this to ESC Planning.

The SALC East Suffolk Area Forum meeting on 6th June guest speaker had to pull out at last minute, so Marjorie Barnes of SZC was invited and I attended the meeting. I have attached the presentation to that meeting and also a document containing the chat between the attendees.

- I questioned Marjorie about the Property Price Support Scheme which she made some reference to during her talk and I think it was clear that she was unaware of the history of the scheme and its somewhat more restricted benefits when compared to the Hinkley Point C scheme. She promised to go away and look into the scheme, but it was more a case of not being given the full briefing behind the slide show and this was ill-prepared.
- Marjorie was pressed regarding the fact that the SZC Forum meeting had been stopped and requested from all side to restart this meeting. Despite the fact that HPC’s Forum has been going throughout the consultations, examination and on into the build, MB insisted that the Deed of Obligation is the controlling document about Forums. It is clear that EDF do not want to restart the Forum and that they will not restart it.
- There are further statements that no potable water will be taken from the local area but a councillor from close to Alton Water questioned the fact that prior to the desalination plant being operational, water will be tinkered from Alton Water, but he pointed out that last year the reservoir was very low and had concerns about the sustainability of this as a supply for SZC. Through the chair of the meeting, I pointed out that the whole issue of the potable water supply is still subject to the outcome of the Judicial Review.
- The claim of 70,000 jobs being dependent upon SZC also came up, but I pointed out these positions might be fleeting for a week or a month and that they are not permanent “jobs”.
- SZC have said they want all the workers busses to run on hydrogen and that SZC will have a “home grown fuel supply”. As we have no uranium deposits in this country worth mentioning and SZB is currently running on Russian fuel purchased before the Ukraine war, it is once again case of the hype ignoring the cold hard facts. Unfortunately, a similar issue afflicts government statements about home grown supply and energy independence which makes it easier for EDF to propagate the nonsense further.
- Marjorie did offer again that their new team will be available to come out to brief Parish and Town Councils on the DoO or any other aspect of the SZC project.

Progress continues within SALC on the NSIP guide document. Once sufficient progress has been made a draft document will be circulated and another meeting called.

I responded to the consultation on Community Benefits from Electricity Network Infrastructure Projects and the response is attached as a separate document. Unfortunately, I had hoped that I could print this out for submission to Parish Council before I submitted it. However, the opportunity to save and print it before submission was not available, so it has already been submitted.

4 Scottish Power DCO Examination

The meeting with SPR did go ahead on 16th May with Cllr Brett, Cllr Flindall and myself. A number of points were raised particularly about the workers access routes which had also been brought up by Seamus at Cakes and Ale the day before. SPR promised to go back and review their proposals and discuss the suggestions with SCC.

SEAS Judicial Review has now occurred and I understand the SASES have been given leave to appeal the JR decision on a number of grounds. A date has yet to be set for the appeal.

5 Lionlink, Nautilus and Sea Link Interconnectors

No further news on any of these projects apart from Eurolink being renamed to Lionlink.

6 EDF SZC B1122 plans

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

Appendix III– Speed Indicator Report

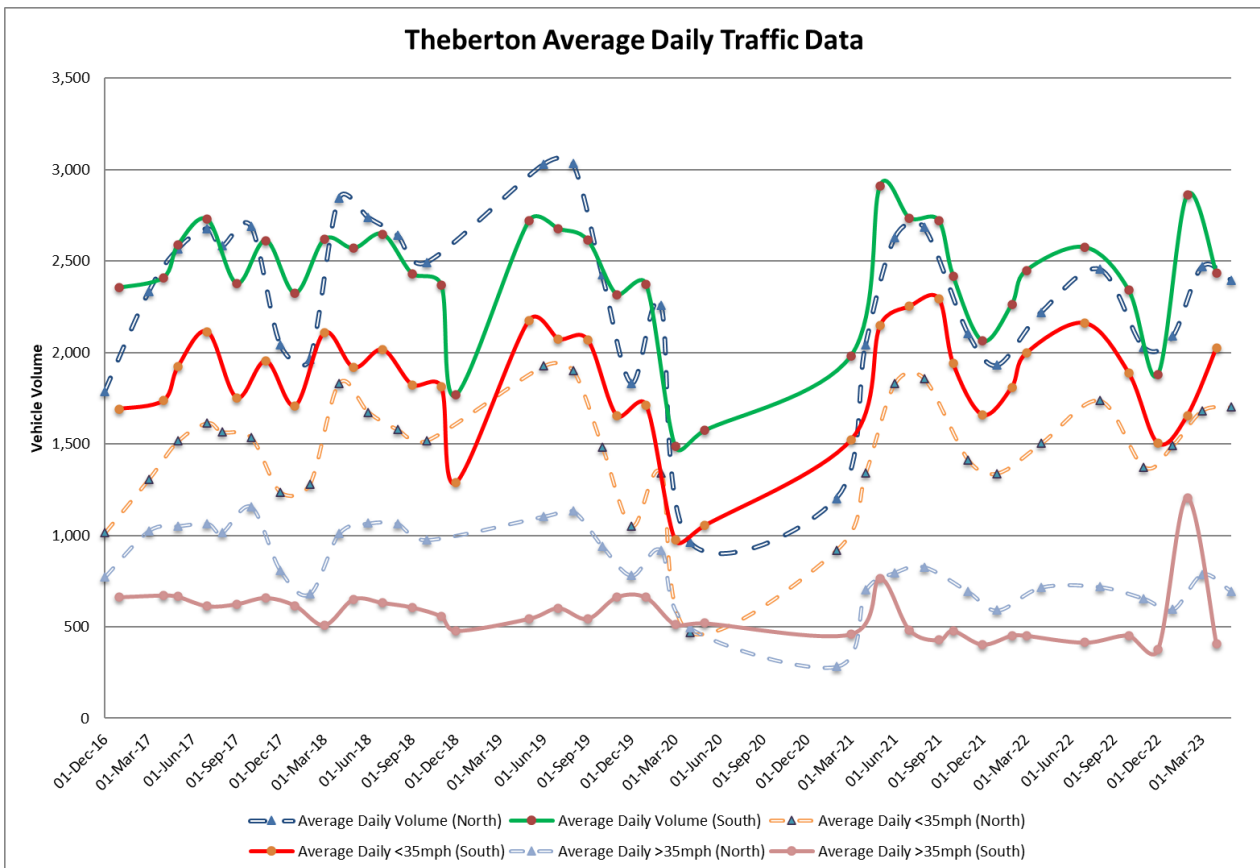
Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 14th June 2023

The speed indicator device has been operational for sixty-six ~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 **36.4%** from north and **23.9%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is at close to 40mph with **40.1mph** from North and **37.7mph** from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.

The owner at Wild for Birds spoke to me as I was taking the SID down and asked if anything was done about getting the police to monitor the speed of vehicles approaching from the North (where the 85th percentile speed) is just above 40mph. Perhaps it is time we once again asked the police to have a speed van positioned at the layby north of Wild For Birds to monitor approaching traffic as it does seem that speeding is more of a problem than that at the south of the village.



| SID Start Date | 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 | 19-Jan-23 | 18-Feb-23 | 20-Mar-23 | 15-Apr-23 | 19-May-23 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Average Daily Volume (North) | 1,930 | | | 2,220 | | 2,456 | | 2,030 | | 2,089 | | 2,470 | 2,434 | 2,397 |
| Average Daily Volume (South) | | 2,263 | 2,449 | | 2,576 | | 2,342 | | 1,879 | | 2,860 | | | |
| Total Vehicles (North) | 30,875 | | | 33,306 | | 49,122 | | 40,605 | | 39,686 | | 46,937 | 46,245 | 45,543 |
| Total Vehicles (South) | | 29,421 | 36,733 | | 46,362 | | 44,493 | | 35,702 | | 54,345 | | | |
| Total Vehicles <35mph (North) | 21,425 | | | 22,548 | | 34,741 | | 27,495 | | 28,371 | | 31,971 | 38,483 | 32,329 |
| Total Vehicles <35mph (South) | | 23,530 | 29,951 | | 38,899 | | 35,882 | | 28,589 | | 31,428 | | | |
| Total Vehicles >35mph (North) | 9,450 | | | 10,758 | | 14,381 | | 13,110 | | 11,315 | | 14,966 | 7,762 | 13,214 |
| Total Vehicles >35mph (South) | | 5,891 | 6,782 | | 7,463 | | 8,611 | | 7,113 | | 22,917 | | | |
| Average Daily <35mph (North) | 1,339 | | | 1,503 | | 1,737 | | 1,375 | | 1,493 | | 1,682 | 2,025 | 1,702 |
| Average Daily <35mph (South) | | 1,810 | 1,997 | | 2,161 | | 1,888 | | 1,505 | | 1,654 | | | |
| Average Daily >35mph (North) | 591 | | | 717 | | 719 | | 655 | | 596 | | 788 | 409 | 695 |
| Average Daily >35mph (South) | | 453 | 452 | | 415 | | 453 | | 374 | | 1,206 | | | |
| 85th percentile speed North (mph) | 38.7 | | | 39.2 | | 38.7 | | 39.2 | | 38.4 | | 38.9 | 35.8 | 38.6 |
| 85th percentile speed South (mph) | | 37.0 | 36.4 | | 35.5 | | 36.7 | | 36.9 | | 35.9 | | | |
| % <35mph (North) | 69.4% | | | 67.7% | | 70.7% | | 67.7% | | 71.5% | | 68.1% | 83.2% | 71.0% |
| % <35mph (South) | | 80.0% | 81.5% | | 83.9% | | 80.6% | | 80.1% | | 57.8% | | | |
| % >35mph (North) | 30.6% | | | 32.3% | | 29.3% | | 32.3% | | 28.5% | | 31.9% | 16.8% | 29.0% |
| % >35mph (South) | | 20.0% | 18.5% | | 16.1% | | 19.4% | | 19.9% | | 42.2% | | | |

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