

**MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
AT THE JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7:30 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 Baskett

**Apologies for absence:**

Cllr. Beth Goose - written and accepted  
Cllr. Julian Wallis - written and accepted  
District Cllr. Tony Cooper  
District Cllr. Terry-Jill Haworth-Culf  
County Cllr. Richard Smith

**In attendance:**

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO  
District Cllr. Jocelyn Bond

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr. Philip Baskett and Cllr. Nat Bacon declared a pecuniary interest in item 7a as both Councillors own land which may be subject to compulsory purchase by EDF Energy.

Cllr. Baskett and Cllr. Bacon applied for a dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 until the end of EDF Energy's stage 4 public consultation. The Council agreed to grant a dispensation to both Councillors as it is in the interests of persons living in the area.

**3. Public Forum**

District Cllr. Jocelyn Bond referred to her previously circulated report and informed the Council that the leader of East Suffolk Council, Steve Gallant, had recently toured Leiston and Aldeburgh and will conduct a further tour of Sizewell and Friston in due course.

**4. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward, seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be signed as a true record.

**5. Matters Arising**

- a) Cllr. Stephen Brett, referring to item 7d, confirmed he had explained to the resident the Council's position regarding the proposal to reject EDF Energy's plan to construct two nuclear reactors at Sizewell. The resident was satisfied with the Council's response.
- b) Cllr. Graham Bickers, referring to item 12, confirmed the springer play equipment item at Eastbridge has been repaired and made safe.
- c) 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**. Cllr. Paul Collins reported that the battery is beginning to fail.  
**ACTION: Clerk to ascertain price for new battery.**
- c) Police - Cllr. Beth Goose reported by email that there were three crimes reported in June 2019. The first was a theft on or near Chapel Road, Eastbridge. The police investigation is complete as there is insufficient evidence and no suspect was identified. The second and third crimes were violence or sexual offences also on or near Chapel Road. The crimes are currently being investigated. Cllr. Goose further reported by email that there were two crimes reported in July 2019. The first was theft on Leiston Road,

near Wild About Birds and the caravan site. The second crime was a violence or sexual offence on or near the parking area on Abbey Lane, opposite the turning to Eastbridge. Both crimes reported in July 2019 are under police investigation.

d) Jubilee Hall Management Committee - Cllr. Hilary Ward reported that the Committee do not wish to progress the proposal to provide internet access in Jubilee Hall due to concerns about ongoing costs. The Council, recognising that providing public internet access could benefit the community, agreed to consider offering to cover all ongoing costs. It was noted that access rights would need to be controlled to limit the data usage and to keep children safe online. Cllr. Hilary Ward said she had reported the overflowing glass recycling bins to East Suffolk Council.

e) Eastbridge Common Wildflower Meadow - the Council noted the positive comments received from residents on the success of the wildflower meadow. The meadow will require cutting at the end of October and it was suggested a work party is formed to rake and clear the cuttings.

f) Burial Ground - Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that an Eastbridge resident had recently passed and her ashes are to be interred at her husband's plot at the Burial Ground.

**ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to mark the position of the plot for the funeral director.**

## **7. Sizewell**

a) Cllr. Paul Collins circulated a draft response to the Sizewell C stage 4 consultation and asked the Councillors to comment by email. An extraordinary meeting will be called to approve the response before the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins to progress.**

b) Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that at a planning committee meeting, East Suffolk Council approved the Sizewell B planning application by 9 votes to 8. This subsequently resulted in the Council's request for the application to be called-in being considered by a Case Officer from the National Casework Planning Unit. The NCPU have instructed East Suffolk Council not to issue a planning consent until the call-in is resolved. Cllr. Paul Collins informed the Council of additional relevant information and the Council agreed to submit this to the Case Officer to support the request. The Council agreed with Cllr. Graham Bickers' suggestion to write a letter of thanks to the neighbouring Councils who supported the Council to call in the planning application by also registering their concerns with the NCPU. Cllr. Stephen Brett recorded the Council's gratitude for the support shown by District Cllr. Terry-Jill Haworth-Culf who argued strongly at the Planning Committee Meeting for the planning application to be rejected.

**ACTION: Cllr. Graham Bickers and Cllr. Paul Collins to progress.**

c) The Council agreed to continue to collaborate with the Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group and to review again when the annual membership fee is due.

d) The Council agreed to invite National Grid Interconnectors to brief the Council at its next meeting at the earlier start time of 7:00 pm.

**ACTION: Clerk to arrange.**

## **8. Parish Matters**

a) Cllr. Hilary Ward reported that the feedback received from seven members of the community regarding the proposed play equipment for Theberton was positive and informative. It was agreed to ask the Community Council to formalise their offer to provide funding towards the project and to inform them that any further play equipment items to be provided by them will need to be considered by the Council for safety, maintenance and insurance purposes. Two residents have kindly offered to remove the mound to the slide using their own equipment and skill. Cllr. Hilary Ward has submitted an application to the ESC Enabling Communities Exemplar Programme for funding for the play equipment. Cllr. Ward and the Clerk are completing a further application to the ESC Outdoor Playing Space Fund for a grant towards the purchase of a climbing tower which is eligible for funding from the sports pot. The gate is now ready to be installed as a tree has been removed from the site.

**ACTION: Cllr. Hilary Ward to write to the Community Council. Clerk and Cllr. Hilary Ward to submit**

application form to ESC. Clerk to ascertain when Big Lottery funding was last received. Cllr. Stephen Brett to arrange to install gate.

- b) The Council declined to respond to Suffolk County Council's Green Access Strategy consultation due to a lack of time.
- c) The Council discussed erecting signage to discourage HGV's using parish lanes. It was agreed to seek advice from County Cllr. Richard Smith at the next meeting.

## 9. Administration

- a) The Council formed an advisory group with responsibility for planning matters comprising Cllr. Graham Bickers, Cllr. Hilary Ward and Cllr. Philip Baskett. The advisory group will consider planning applications and make recommendations to the Council to support or oppose and draft responses to the planning authority if necessary.
- b) The Council agreed to set aside £1,000 per annum for a maintenance and sinking fund for the play equipment in both Theberton and Eastbridge.  
**ACTION: Clerk to research investment options and report back.**

## 10. Finance

- a) The Council noted the latest financial position detailed in **Appendix IV**.
- b) The Council approved the bank reconciliation for quarter 1 2019/2020.
- c) The Council conducted the annual review of the cemetery fees and no changes were made.
- d) The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary monthly instead of quarterly.  
**ACTION: Clerk to inform payroll.**
- e) It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett, seconded by Cllr. Hilary Ward and agreed to authorise the payments listed below.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Newsletter Printing	Leiston Press	£20.00	LGA 1972 s.142
Clerk's Salary	Sharon Smith	£680.76	LGA 1972 s.112
Clerk's Expenses	Sharon Smith	£5.86	LGA 1972 s.111
Parish Online Annual Subscription	GeoXphere Ltd	£60.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Uncontested Election Fees	Sharon Smith (East Suffolk Council)	£97.92	LGA 1972 s.111
Petrol Expenses	Stephen Morpheu	£7.00	LGA 1972 s.111

## 11. Correspondence

- a) The Council noted the correspondence received between 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 detailed in **Appendix V**.
- b) With the agreement of the Clerk, the Council agreed not to engage with residents who send abusive emails to the Clerk and the Council. Such emails will be retained on file as evidence.

## 12. Questions to the Chair

- a) Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that complaints had been received regarding brambles making the footpath to the Minsmere Sluice difficult. Cllr. Brett further reported that a large gate on a footpath had been tossed into a ditch and the bottom hinge is missing. Cllr. Brett reported both incidents to

Suffolk Wildlife Trust who manage the land on behalf of EDF Energy. A complaint has also been received about an overgrown footpath known as Hangman's. Cllr. Brett to report this to the RSPB.

**ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to progress.**

b) Cllr. Stephen Morphey and Cllr. Stephen Brett agreed to cut the hedges at the Burial Ground. Cllr. Brett was authorised to purchase a petrol hedge cutter using the ring-fenced grant for work party tools.

**ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Stephen Morphey to progress.**

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the earlier time of 7:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9:30 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 to be removed by a resident.
12/08/18	5c	Obtain a 'vehicular access to properties only' sign for Eastbridge Common.	Cllr. Stephen Brett	
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.
10/07/19	7d	Set up a Direct Debit for Sovereign's Bronze Maintenance Package for Eastbridge play equipment.	Clerk	
10/07/19	7e	Obtain quote for a tree safety inspection at Eastbridge Common.	Clerk	

## **Appendix II - Sizewell C Report**

### **1 TEAGS**

The past month has mainly been spent working on the Regulated Asset Base response, our Stage 4 response and preparations for the meeting in the church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

We assisted the B1122 group at Middleton Fete and have continued to stay in touch with the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance group who are working on the cumulative impact of all the energy projects proposed in this area including Sizewell C, Scottish Power windfarms, National Grid Interconnectors and expansions to Gabbard and Galloper windfarms.

We worked with the Mail on Sunday reporter, David Rose, on the short article that appeared on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Unfortunately, what was originally planned as a two-page spread got reduced to less than half a page due to the on-going Brexit saga. We continue to discuss with various media outlets to keep the Sizewell C subject in the press and other media.

We met with Guy McGregor from Suffolk County Council and attended Therese Coffey's meeting at Sizewell Sports and Social Club on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Paul Collins spoke on behalf of TEAGS objection to the Sizewell C Relocation planning application at ESC's Strategic Planning Meeting in Melton on 10<sup>th</sup> September. He spoke alongside a representative from TASC and Maria Tonne, a resident at Halfway Cottages, Sizewell. Objectors collectively only got 3 minutes to speak, so we had one minute apiece, with Leiston Town Council having three minutes and three minutes for EDF.

At our steering meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August we discussed our efforts at a response to the current consultations, the meeting in Theberton Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and our support for the #LoveMinsmere Festival on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

We have also been invited to the Environment Agency/Office for Nuclear Regulation Meeting to be held at Leiston Community Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September and have a meeting with EDF scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

The next steering meeting will be scheduled prior to the Stage 4 Consultation Response deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### **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.

#### **Sizewell B Relocation Planning Application**

Unfortunately, our attempt to have our chairman speak at this event was refused as only the Host Parish was allowed three minutes to speak. A representative from Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council did speak and gave a robust defence of their objection.

Following the East Suffolk Council planning meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September which approved the Sizewell B Relocation planning application by 9 votes to 8, we have been in touch with the planning inspectorate regarding next steps in the call-in procedure. A case officer has been appointed and ESC are aware that the application has been called in, so no notices for commencement can be issued to EDF until such time as the call-in is resolved.

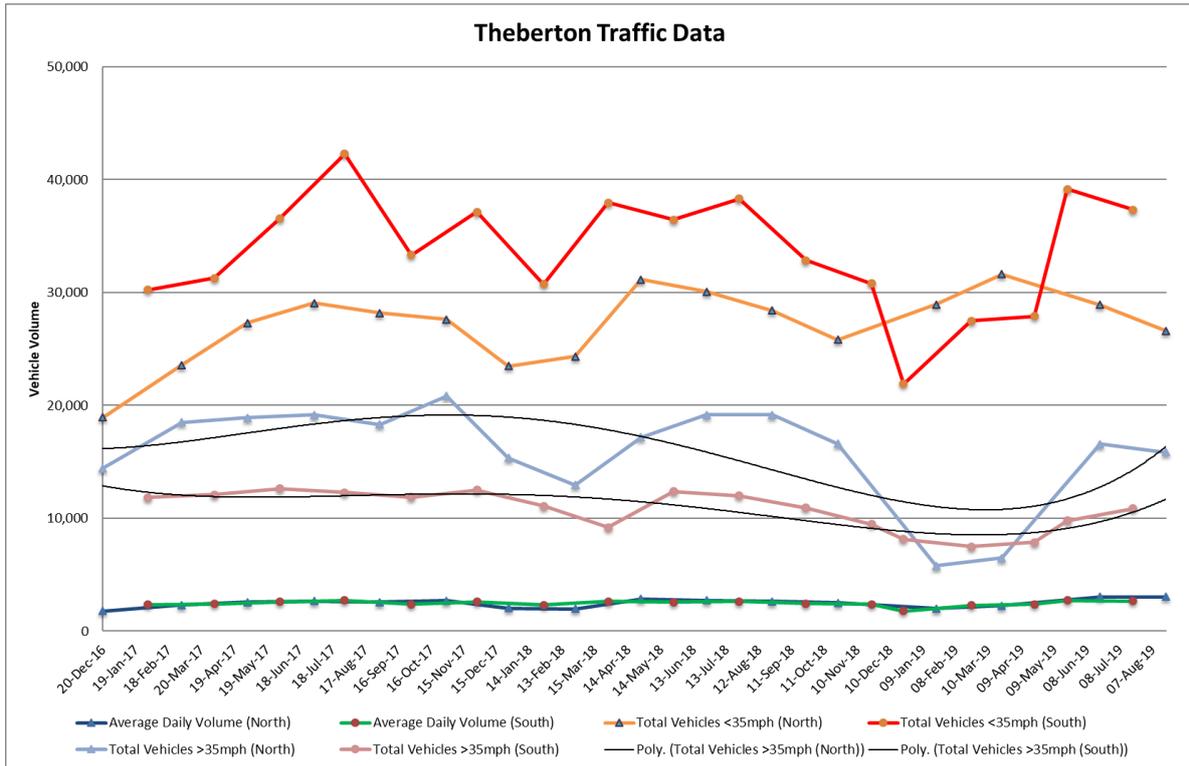
## Appendix III - Speed Indicator Device

The speed indicator device has been operational for thirty-three ~20-day periods since 20<sup>th</sup> 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 four 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.



							Village End			Village Start				
SID Start Date	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	19-Aug-19
Average Daily Volume (North)		2,643		2,494		1,768	2,007		2,240		2,383	2,721	3,031	3,033
Average Daily Volume (South)	2,647		2,431		2,368		1,768		2,284		2,383	2,721	3,031	2,676
Total Vehicles (North)		47,560		42,397		30,054	34,733		38,091		48,977		45,461	42,466
Total Vehicles (South)	50,301		43,755		40,254		34,956		34,956		35,743		48,175	48,175
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)		28,405		25,804		30,054	28,938		31,606		48,977		28,896	26,606
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)	38,303		32,833		30,790		27,472		27,888		39,170		37,320	37,320
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)		19,155		16,593		21,912	5,795		6,485		27,888		16,565	15,860
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)	11,998		10,922		9,464		7,484		7,855		9,807		10,855	10,855
85th percentile speed North (mph)		40.4		40.2		35.7			35.9		37.2		40.2	40.1
85th percentile speed South (mph)	37.9		38.3		38.0		38.6		37.1		37.0		37.6	37.6
% <35mph (North)		59.7%		60.9%		83.3%			83.0%				63.6%	62.7%
% <35mph (South)	76.1%		75.0%		76.5%		72.9%		78.6%		78.0%		80.0%	77.5%
% >35mph (North)		40.3%		39.1%		16.7%			17.0%				36.4%	37.3%
% >35mph (South)	23.9%		25.0%		23.5%		27.1%		21.4%		22.0%		20.0%	22.5%

\*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 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Barclays Current Account	£4,722.28
Barclays Savings Account	£1,515.28
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	<b>£6,237.56</b>

### General and Earmarked Reserves

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

### Bank Balance less Reserves

**£3,227.56**

### Payments - September 2019

Leiston Press - Newsletter Printing	£20.00
Sharon Smith - Clerk's Salary	£680.76
Sharon Smith - Clerk's Expenses	£5.86
GeoXphere Ltd - Parish Online Subscription	£60.00
East Suffolk Council - Uncontested Election Fee	£97.92
Stephen Morphey - Petrol Expenses	£7.00
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	<b>£871.54</b>

### Net Balance

**£2,356.02**

## **Appendix V - Correspondence**

### Suffolk Association of Local Councils

- a) Latest Training Courses.
- b) E-Bulletin - 14/08/19.
- c) Suffolk Coastal Area Meeting - AONB Report.
- d) Suffolk Coastal Area Forum Programme.
- e) Suffolk Coastal Area Forum Notes.
- f) The Local Councillor Newsletter.

### East Suffolk Council

- a) Monthly Reports.

### Suffolk County Council

- a) Revised Grit Bin Guidance.

### Sizewell

- a) Joint Local Authorities Group - SZC Stage 4 Town and Parish Council consultation event feedback.
- b) EDF Energy - Sizewell B Newsletter.
- c) EDF Energy - Planning Aid England support - presentations and papers.
- d) Scottish Power Renewables - Planning Process Community Briefing.
- e) Scottish Power Renewables - Development of Offshore Windfarm Plans.
- f) National Planning Casework Unit - Application for Call-In Acknowledgement.
- g) Westleton Parish Council - Application for Call-In.
- h) Kelsale cum Carlton Parish Council - Application for Call-In.
- i) Saxmundham Town Council - Application for Call-In.
- j) Yoxford Parish Council - Application for Call-In.
- k) Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council - Application for Call-In.
- l) Together Against Sizewell C - The Nuclear Trap Film.

### Other

- a) Information Commissioner's Office - Draft Data Sharing of Practice.
- b) Information Commissioner's Office - Latest News.
- c) Therese Coffey MP - Newsletter.
- d) Suffolk Constabulary - Crime Reporting.
- e) Suffolk Preservation Society - Landscape Training for Neighbourhood Planning Groups.
- f) Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB - Monthly Update.