

**MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7:30 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett - Chair
Cllr. Hilary Ward - Vice Chair
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Nat Bacon
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Philip Baskett
Cllr. Beth Goose
Cllr. Julian Wallis

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Graham Bickers - 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
1 member of the public

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr. Nat Bacon declared in interest in item 10b.

3. Public Forum

a) A member of the public requested the Council to appoint a SALC representative and for this Councillor to attend the next SALC Suffolk Coastal Area Forum when a representative will be elected to represent the Sizewell A & B Stakeholders' Group. Cllr. Stephen Brett agreed to attend the forum subject to his availability.

b) District Cllr. Jocelyn Bond encouraged the Council to attend the ESC Community Partnership Workshop in Saxmundham. The workshop will bring parishes together to meet with the District Council to put forward ideas for large projects for community benefit that may attract funding of up to £25,000 in addition to the existing Locality and Enabling Communities budgets. Cllr. Bond also reported that the Ward members were reminded to attend planning meetings and to reinforce the views of the Parish Councils they represent.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett, seconded by Cllr. Beth Goose and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 9th October 2019 be signed as a true record.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward, seconded by Cllr. Philip Baskett and agreed that the minutes for the Extraordinary meeting of 1st November 2019 be signed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

With reference to item 3(c), Cllr. Stephen Brett met with Mark Nichols, a Community Liaison Engineer from Highways, to discuss imposing a speed limit in Eastbridge. Mr Nichols will send Cllr. Brett the criteria that needs to be met to allow for a speed limit. These include having at least 600m of road which the limit will apply to and more than 20 houses. Legal costs will be approximately £4,000 and signage will bring the costs up to around £10,000. The process will take about a year to complete. Mr Nichols will consult with the Highways Speed and Safety Team regarding the eligibility of Eastbridge and report back to Cllr. Brett.

6. Administration

a) The Council approved a Subject Access Request Policy and Procedure.

b) The Council approved the Council's Personal Data Audit for GDPR purposes.

c) Cllr. Stephen Brett proposed the Council approves an Investment Policy. Seconded by Cllr. Hilary Ward. All were in favour.

- d) The Council agreed to appoint the Suffolk Association of Local Councils as internal auditor.
- e) The Council agreed meeting dates for 2020.
- f) The Council reviewed and updated the Outstanding Actions list.

7. Finance

- a) The Council noted the latest financial position detailed in **Appendix I**.
- b) The Council approved the bank reconciliation for Quarter 2 2019/2020.
- c) Cllr. Hilary Ward proposed the Council donates £50 each to the following local services: Coastal Accessible Transport Service, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Leiston Library. Seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins. All were in favour. (LGA 1972 s.137 and s.142)
- d) 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 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Newsletter Printing | Leiston Press | £20.00 | LGA 1972 s.142 |
| Clerk's Salary | Sharon Smith | £226.78 | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| Clerk's Expenses | Sharon Smith | £12.00 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| Payroll Services | Suffolk Association of Local Councils | £21.60 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| Website Hosting Service | Sharon Smith (One Suffolk) | £60.00 | LGA 1972 s.112 |

8. Meetings and Progress Reports

- a) Theberton Playing Field Improvements - Cllr. Hilary Ward informed the Council that a third application for funding from the ESC Outdoor Playing Space Fund has been submitted for the Lavenham 4 climbing frame from Action Play and Leisure costing £15,590. Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Nat Bacon inspected the mound and slide at Theberton playing field. It was agreed to remove these as recommended by the recent safety inspection report. This will be undertaken during the winter months when the playing equipment is not frequently used. Cllr. Bacon kindly agreed to take the mound away free of charge and to remove some low branches from trees. Cllr. Brett will arrange for the slide to be collected as scrap metal to ensure no costs are incurred.
- b) Sizewell Matters - Cllr. Paul Collins tabled his report included as **Appendix II**. Cllr. Stephen Brett reported on the first East Anglian Energy Planning Alliance networking and information evening held this month. There were four speakers: Henry Young (Snape Maltings CEO and Chair of Suffolk Coast Destination Management Organisation), Andy Wood (Adnams CEO), Alison Downes (Co-Chair of Theberton and Eastbridge Action Group on Sizewell) and Michael Mahoney from Friston. Twenty-one town and parish councils and one protest group were represented at the meeting. The initial aim of the Alliance is to draft a joint letter from all twenty-one councils to send to the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy requesting an urgent review of all the energy projects planned for the area. The Alliance then aims to build up a network of trust among the parishes and to work together to respond to applications for Development Consent Orders.
- c) Speed Indicator Device - Cllr. Paul Collins tabled his report included as **Appendix III**.
- d) Police - there were no crimes reported in September 2019.
- e) Eastbridge Common Wildflower Meadow - the cut has not yet been undertaken due to the recent wet weather.

9. Parish Matters

a) Following reconsideration of a request received from a resident to reject EDF Energy's proposal to construct two nuclear reactors at Sizewell, the Council resolved that, although it is not anti-nuclear, it is opposed to EDF Energy's current proposals for the development of Sizewell C as it believes:

- the current proposal for a dual reactor development is not appropriately sized given the 32 hectare platform available;
- the environmental impacts associated with such a large development between two Sites of Special Scientific Interest and a construction site that will split the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in two, for at least 10 to 12 years, are not justifiable;
- both the Theberton Bypass and Link Road proposals are in the wrong place as they do not relieve impacts placed upon the residents, farmers, sensitive buildings and businesses along their length and they close roads and interrupt public rights of way;
- the choice of a single campus on the rural Eastbridge Lane site is unacceptable, particularly given that other potential accommodation sites have not been evaluated in any way;
- only limited mitigation, compensatory action or expenditure has been proposed to minimize the considerable burden placed on the residents of Theberton and Eastbridge during the 10 to 12 year construction period.
- the current proposals do not demonstrate that the negative impacts will be outweighed by the benefits.

b) The Council agreed to publish on the parish website the two letters sent to the Planning Casework Unit regarding the request to call-in ESC's planning application to relocate Sizewell B facilities. Cllr. Paul Collins agreed to draft a letter thanking all the Town and Parish Councils who supported this request. It was decided not to publish the complaint letter regarding the ESC planning meeting and the response received from ESC who rejected the complaint as unfounded. The Council will consider whether to raise the complaint to a stage two internal review at its next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to upload letters and add consideration of complaint to next month's agenda. Cllr. Paul Collins to draft letter of thanks and Clerk to send.

c) Cllr. Stephen Morphey agreed to attend the ESC Town and Parish Council Planning Forum in January 2020. Cllr. Graham Bickers may also attend if available.

ACTION: Clerk to reserve two places.

d) The Council postponed the discussion regarding setting up a Community Energy Scheme.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate information about a similar scheme in Kelsale and add to next month's agenda.

10. Correspondence

a) The Council noted the correspondence received between 4th October 2019 and 7th November 2019 detailed in **Appendix IV**.

b) Cllr. Stephen Brett referred to a letter received from a resident regarding flooding in their garden from adjacent fields. It was agreed that this is due to the exceptional volume of rain lately and the direction the fields are ploughed in will not prevent run-off. The Council informed the landowner who agreed to speak to the resident.

c) Cllr. Paul Collins agreed to email County Cllr. Richard Smith regarding the proposed boundary for the Sizewell Detailed Emergency Planning Zone. The proposed line follows a set of postcode boundaries, determined by flood warning considerations, rather than a sensible boundary that is at a radius from Sizewell. Cllr. Paul Collins will recommend that the radius should be extended to include Eastbridge and Theberton.

ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins to email County Cllr. Richard Smith.

11. Questions to the Chair

a) Cllr. Hilary Ward proposed that a second defibrillator training session is arranged for early next year. It was noted that the session should be free as the Council purchased two defibrillators.

ACTION: Cllr. Beth Goose to progress.

b) Cllr. Beth Goose asked the Clerk to inform her of the telephone number of the electrician who fitted the defibrillator at The Lion Inn.

ACTION: Cllr. Beth Goose to expedite the repair.

12. 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 December 2019 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

Appendix I - Financial Position

Bank Balances as at 10th October 2019

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Barclays Current Account | £6,213.66 |
| Barclays Savings Account | £1,516.00 |
| | <u>£7,729.66</u> |

General and Earmarked Reserves

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|---|------------------|
| EDF Energy Grant - Work Party Tools | £132.58 |
| General Reserves | £2,495.00 |
| Parish Playing Areas Maintenance and Sinking Fund | £1,000.00 |
| | <u>£3,627.58</u> |

Bank Balance less Reserves

£4,102.08

Payments - October 2019/November 2019

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Work Party Tools - Strimmer | £458.91 |
| Leiston Press - Newsletter Printing | £20.00 |
| Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath | £12.00 |
| SALC - Payroll Services | £21.60 |
| One Suffolk - Website Hosting | £60.00 |
| | <u>£572.51</u> |

Net Balance

£3,529.57

Appendix II - Sizewell

1 TEAGS

We presented the SumOfUs Regulated Asset Base petition to Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy on 11th October which unfortunately coincided with the Extinction Rebellion protests outside the building. In the end there was not too much disruption and the petition had accumulated 34,633 signatures.

We also submitted our own consultation response and assisted the Parish Council with their own submission.

We attended the Environment Agency/Office for Nuclear Regulation Meeting on Thursday 12th September and heard the views of the EA and ONR on EDF's current preparations for the DCO and their intentions not to apply for EA licenses in advance of the DCO submission to PINS. All license applications to EA for various works associated with the potential construction also must go through consultation phases and EA is concerned that usually these are completed and agreed before the examination phase of the DCO gets started. Assuming they are applied for at the same time as the DCO, they will still be under consultation and consideration during the examination and timeframes are tight to get those completed in order to inform PINS during the examination and consideration period following the examination.

We met with EDF on Monday 16th September with various questions about their DCO application and aspects of the proposals including Sizewell Link Road/D2, platform size, SZB Relocation and coastal defences but unfortunately not much more was learned than has already become apparent during Stage 3 and Stage 4 consultations. They were uncommitted about the rail strategy versus the other two options and confirmed their intention to apply for DCO in February/March timeframe.

We completed our response to Stage 4 consultation and submitted it prior to the 27th September deadline.

We also met on 30th September to consider how to approach the next 6 months prior to the DCO submission and consider how to prepare for the DCO examination.

We met with Cllr. Richard Smith following his decision to resign from SCC Cabinet to discuss the changes to JLAG and potential changes in emphasis as a result of his relinquishing the primary role for SCC on JLAG.

A decision has been taken to change TEAGS unregistered community organisation status into a Company Limited by guarantee. Alison is taking a partial sabbatical from her Tibet responsibilities and will work almost full time for TEAGS starting on Monday 18th November. The steering group, who will be members and directors of TEAGS Ltd, will remain as the driving force for the direction of our campaign regarding the SZC development. The application to Companies House has been submitted and we should have that formalised in the next week or so as well as changing bank accounts to reflect the change.

The next general meeting is scheduled for 25th November.

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

After submission of additional information, the call-in request to Department for Housing, Communities and Local Government was rejected. The rejection referred to changes to local planning law regarding Environmental Impact Assessment requirement from 2017. As of 12th November, the planning application remains as "Awaiting Decision" which is puzzling as the rejection letter from PINS/DHCLG was sent on 1st November to both ESC and EDF.

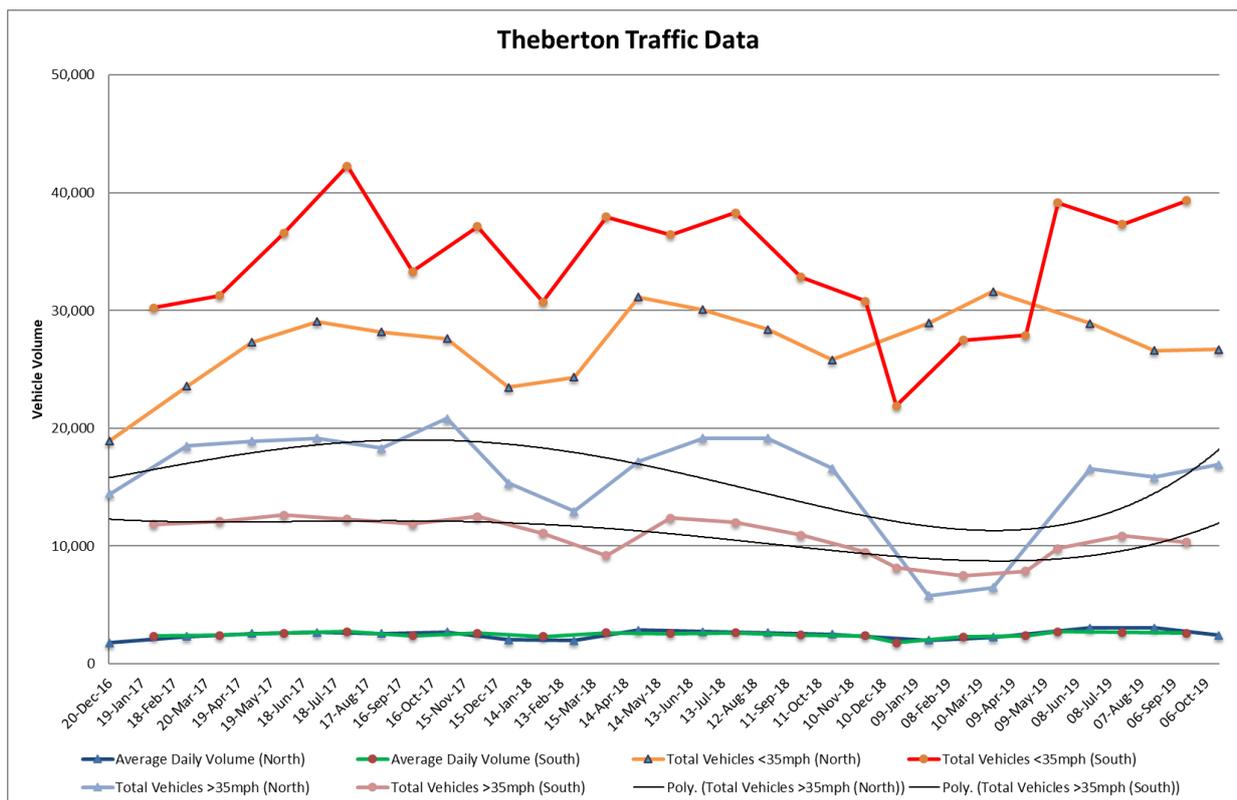
Appendix III - Speed Indicator Device

The speed indicator device has been operational for thirty-five ~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 six 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 24.4%, and the 85 percentile speed* was 35.8mph and 37.2mph compared to 40.7mph and 37.3mph when they enter the village showing that vehicles are slowing down further as they pass through the village.



| | 24-Sep-18 | 23-Oct-18 | 23-Nov-18 | 22-Dec-18 | Village End 21-Jan-19 | 22-Feb-19 | 22-Mar-19 | 21-Apr-19 | Village Start 21-May-19 | 20-Jun-19 | 20-Jul-19 | 19-Aug-19 | 18-Sep-19 | 18-Oct-19 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SID Start Date | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average Daily Volume (North) | | 2,494 | | | 2,007 | | 2,240 | | | 3,031 | | 3,033 | | 2,424 |
| Average Daily Volume (South) | 2,431 | | 2,368 | 1,768 | | 2,284 | | 2,383 | 2,721 | | 2,676 | | 2,615 | |
| Total Vehicles (North) | | 42,397 | | | 34,733 | | 38,091 | | 2,383 | 45,461 | | 42,466 | | 43,631 |
| Total Vehicles (South) | 43,755 | | 40,254 | 30,054 | | 34,956 | | 35,743 | 48,977 | | 48,175 | | 49,682 | |
| Total Vehicles <35mph (North) | | 25,804 | | | 28,938 | | 31,606 | | | 28,896 | | 26,606 | | 26,699 |
| Total Vehicles <35mph (South) | 32,833 | | 30,790 | 21,912 | | 27,472 | | 27,888 | 39,170 | | 37,320 | | 39,341 | |
| Total Vehicles >35mph (North) | | 16,593 | | | 5,795 | | 6,485 | | | 16,565 | | 15,860 | | 16,932 |
| Total Vehicles >35mph (South) | 10,922 | | 9,464 | 8,142 | | 7,484 | | 7,855 | 9,807 | | 10,855 | | 10,341 | |
| 85th percentile speed North (mph) | | 40.2 | | | 35.7 | | 35.9 | | | 40.2 | | 40.1 | | 40.7 |
| 85th percentile speed South (mph) | 38.3 | | 38.0 | 38.6 | | 37.1 | | 37.2 | 37.0 | | 37.6 | | 37.3 | |
| % <35mph (North) | | 60.9% | | | 83.3% | | 83.0% | | | 63.6% | | 62.7% | | 61.2% |
| % <35mph (South) | 75.0% | | 76.5% | 72.9% | | 78.6% | | 78.0% | 80.0% | | 77.5% | | 79.2% | |
| % >35mph (North) | | 39.1% | | | 16.7% | | 17.0% | | | 36.4% | | 37.3% | | 38.8% |
| % >35mph (South) | 25.0% | | 23.5% | 27.1% | | 21.4% | | 22.0% | 20.0% | | 22.5% | | 20.8% | |

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

Appendix IV - Correspondence

Suffolk Association of Local Councils

- a) AGM - 26/11/19 at Elmswell.
- b) E-Bulletin - 11/10/19, 31/10/19.
- c) Suffolk Electoral Review - Presentation Slides.

East Suffolk Council

- a) Outdoor Playing Space Fund Application Rejected.
- b) District Cllrs' Monthly Reports
- c) Acknowledgment of Complaint Letter.
- d) Community Partnership Workshops - 28/11/19 at Saxmundham.
- e) Working Copies of the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.
- f) Notice of Election - Parliamentary Election 12/12/19.
- g) Town/Parish Council Precept Request 2020/2021.
- h) Town and Parish Council Forum - 24/01/20 at Melton.

Sizewell

- a) EDF Energy - Sizewell B Community Newsletter - October 2019.
- b) EDF Energy - Sizewell C Town and Parish Council Update.
- c) Therese Coffey MP - Acknowledgement of BEIS RAB Model Consultation Response.
- d) Therese Coffey MP - Open Letter.
- e) National Planning Casework Unit - Response to Call-In Request.

Suffolk Constabulary

- a) PCC and Chief Constable Meeting - 10/10/19 in Lowestoft.
- b) Partner Funded PCSOs.
- c) Safer Neighbourhood Team Quarterly Meeting - 25/11/19 at Leiston.

Other

- a) The Rural Bulletin - 08/10/19, 15/10/19.
- b) Greenprint Forum Newsletter - Autumn 2019.
- c) Query regarding the Gamekeeper's Cottage at Scott's Hall, Minsmere.
- d) Suffolk View Newsletter - Autumn Edition.
- e) AONB Monthly Update - October 2019.
- f) Parish Online News and Updates.
- g) PSMA Newsletter - October 2019.
- h) Latest News from the ICO.
- i) Message from a resident regarding signage on Eastbridge Road.
- j) Message from a resident regarding the SCC Sizewell Detailed Emergency Planning Zone Determination.

