

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2022 AT 8:30 PM

1. Election of Chair and signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr. Stephen Brett was nominated by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins to remain in office as Chair. All members present voted in favour and Cllr. Brett was duly elected. Cllr. Brett signed the Declaration of Office and the Clerk signed as witness.

2. Election of Vice-Chair and signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr. Hilary Ward was nominated by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins to remain in office as Vice-Chair.. All members present voted in favour and Cllr. Ward was duly elected. Cllr. Ward signed the Declaration of Office and the Clerk signed as witness.

3. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett - Chair
Cllr. Hilary Ward - Vice Chair
Cllr. Laura Bonnett
Cllr. Tom Lagden
Cllr. Adam Hurrell
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Nat Bacon
Cllr. Bob Flindall

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Russ Rainger
District Cllr. Tony Cooper
District Cllr. Tom Daly

In attendance:

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

4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr. Tom Lagden, seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 20th April 2022 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

6. Councillors

a) The Council agreed members' responsibilities to liaise with the Jubilee Hall Management Committee and the Community Council and agreed which members should lead on Energy Projects, Speed Indicator Device, Playing Fields, Burial Ground, Eastbridge Common, Planning and Trees and Green Issues.

ACTION: Clerk to update table and upload to website.

b) The Council adopted the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.

ACTION: Clerk to upload to website.

7. Energy Projects

a) Cllr. Paul Collins summarised his previously circulated report attached as Appendix I.

b) The Council approved Cllr. Paul Collins' joint response to the Secretary of State's Sizewell C Request for Information from the Council, Stop Sizewell C, Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council, B1122 Action Group and the Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group.

ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins to submit response and Clerk to upload to website.

c) Cllr. Tom Lagden agreed to attend the Policing Sizewell C meeting to be held in Leiston in June.

ACTION: Councillors to send any concerns to Cllr. Tom Lagden.

8. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

a) Platinum Heritage Trail - Cllr Tom Lagden informed the Council that the working party had broadly agreed four strategic locations for the information boards. The locations have been chosen for their ease of gaining permissions to site the boards. Each board will be unique to its location and provide information about four nearby sites on the heritage trail. There will therefore be sixteen locations in total. A limited supply of leaflets will also be provided together with geo-caching at each location. Cllr. Lagden explained that the trail is a legacy project which will take time to get underway but a mock-up of an information board and an outline of the trail will be available at the Platinum Jubilee exhibition in the Jubilee Hall. Cllr. Lagden has arranged a meeting with Leiston Press to discuss the design of the information boards and possible costs but this does not commit the Council to choosing them as a supplier.

ACTION: Cllr. Tom Lagden to circulate the list of trail locations for comments.

b) Eastbridge Burial Ground Shed - Cllr. Stephen Morphey reported that the repairs are almost complete as all that remains is to put roof slates on.

c) Speed Indicator Device - no report due to the short duration since the last report.

d) Police Crime Report - no crimes were reported in March 2022.

e) Playing Fields – the Clerk reported that the Talking Benches are due to be installed shortly. She may call on Councillors to assist with suitable locations. The Clerk said she accepted the donation of a bench from a resident who wishes it to be placed in Theberton playing field.

ACTION: Cllr. Tom Lagden to contact resident and inspect bench.

f) Theberton Kissing Gate - Cllr. Stephen Brett reported that he and Cllr. Nat Bacon inspected the gate and decided it will need to be dug out, sand blasted and painted.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Nat Bacon to progress.

g) Jubilee Well - Cllr. Stephen Brett reported that he spoke to a local landowner who is unsure who owns the well.

ACTION: Clerk to carry out a land registry search.

9. Parish Matters

The Council agreed to sign the SCC Community Self-Help Agreement for Quiet Lanes' Community Volunteers.

ACTION: Clerk to send to SCC Highways.

10. Finance

a) The Council noted the latest financial position attached as Appendix II.

b) It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins, seconded by Cllr. Hilary Ward, and agreed to authorise the payments listed below. All in favour.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Sharon Smith	£323.70	LGA 1972 s.112
Jubilee Broadband	Sharon Smith (BT)	£31.68	LGA 1972 s.19
Annual Subscription	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	£145.45	LGA 1972 s.111
SID Computer Cable	Paul Collins	£21.30	LGA 1972 s.111

11. Correspondence

The Council reviewed the correspondence received between 13th April 2022 and 5th May 2022 and agreed to respond to a request for information from a resident of Eastbridge Common.

12. Questions to the Chair/Items for Next Agenda

a) Cllr. Bob Flindall agreed to be the Council's new representative for the ESC Planning Protocol review. The Clerk asked to attend a virtual meeting with Cllr. Stephen Brett, Cllr. Paul Collins and Cllr. Bob Flindall to discuss the project.

ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins to send the meeting link.

b) Cllr. Hilary Ward said that the trees on the roadside when exiting Theberton towards Leiston need attention. Cllr. Nat Bacon said the lower branches could be removed to lift the height of the crowns' base. Cllr. Stephen Brett said this would need to be undertaken in autumn due to rising sap.

c) Cllr. Hilary Ward asked the Clerk to arrange a further defibrillator training session for residents with the British Heart Foundation.

ACTION: Clerk to contact BHF.

13. Next Meeting

The Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7:00 pm at Jubilee Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Appendix I – Energy Projects Report

1 TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

The BEIS Nuclear NGO Forum meeting with Greg Hands, BEIS Minister with responsibility for nuclear power, took place on 9th May. On the same day the letter from 36 Parish and Town Councils regarding the Secretary of States predetermination statements and changes in ministerial review of the SZC DCO application was presented to BEIS officials for passing on to the Minister.

On the same day, Alison and a number of supporters have demonstrated outside the Aviva AGM at the QE II hall in Westminster regarding their interest in providing finance to SZC through the RAB mechanism. Alison and a few of the supporters are registered to attend the AGM and will try to ask a question of the Aviva board during the shareholders meeting. Our supporters asked two questions of the board and the answers were not clearly no, but they were uncomfortable responding.

We arranged advertising to appear in Westminster and St. James Park tube stations for several weeks as well as “clean” pavement advertising outside the tube stations and the BEIS offices.



Our march on Sunday 15th May starts at 10:00 from Victoria Park in Leiston and will go to Sizewell beach where there will be talks by a number of people including Andrew Ramsey, Green Party Co-Leader. Buses back to Leiston are provided.

The “Come Along Together” event at Snape Maltings was very successful with over 260 people attending, at least 70 of whom bought tickets on the night.

Marsh Harrier nests have been found on SZC land where the ground anchor and soil mixing trials are proposed. EDF are in touch with ESC and will submit additional HRA assessments to ESC and SoS for its DCO application. Marsh Harrier nests are also present on Aldhurst Farm reedbed site.

2 T&E Parish Council

No further progress on the Property Price Support Scheme, from an EDF perspective.

The Deed of Obligation meeting with EDF is set for Thursday 12th May.

3 Scottish Power DCO Examination

The SPR decision has been approved. No word on whether a Judicial Review has been requested.

4 Eurolink, Nautilus, Multi-Purpose and ESO Kent Interconnectors

No further information. Sea Link briefing to be held at Parish Council on 11th May.

Appendix II - Financial Position

Financial Position – April 2022

Bank Balances as at 10th March 2022

Barclays Current Account	£985.99
Barclays Savings Account	£21,886.80
	<u>£22,872.79</u>

Earmarked Reserves

Parish Playing Areas Maintenance and Sinking Fund	£2,000.00
Burial Ground Shed Roof Fund	£650.00
Community Infrastructure Levy	£1,259.54
Jubilee Hall Broadband Grant	£449.83
Jubilee Hall Broadband Fund	£150.00
Platinum Heritage Trail	£10,000.00
	<u>£14,509.37</u>

Bank Balance less Reserves **£8,363.42**

Payments – March/April 2022

Sharon Smith – Clerk’s Salary	£257.00
Sharon Smith – Land Registry Title Deeds	£29.94
Sovereign – Eastbridge Play Maintenance Package	£17.99
Sharon Smith – Jubilee Hall Broadband	£31.94
Stephen Brett – Strimmer Fuel	£20.00
CAS – Website Hosting	£60.00
ICO – Data Protection Fee	£35.00
Stephen Morphey – Lawnmower Service	£150.00
CAS – Website SSL Certificate	£36.00
Sovereign Design Play Systems – Basketball Backboard	£557.00
Leiston Press – Annual Newsletter Printing	£240.00
SALC – Payroll Services	£54.00
	<u>£1,488.87</u>

Net Balance **£6,874.55**

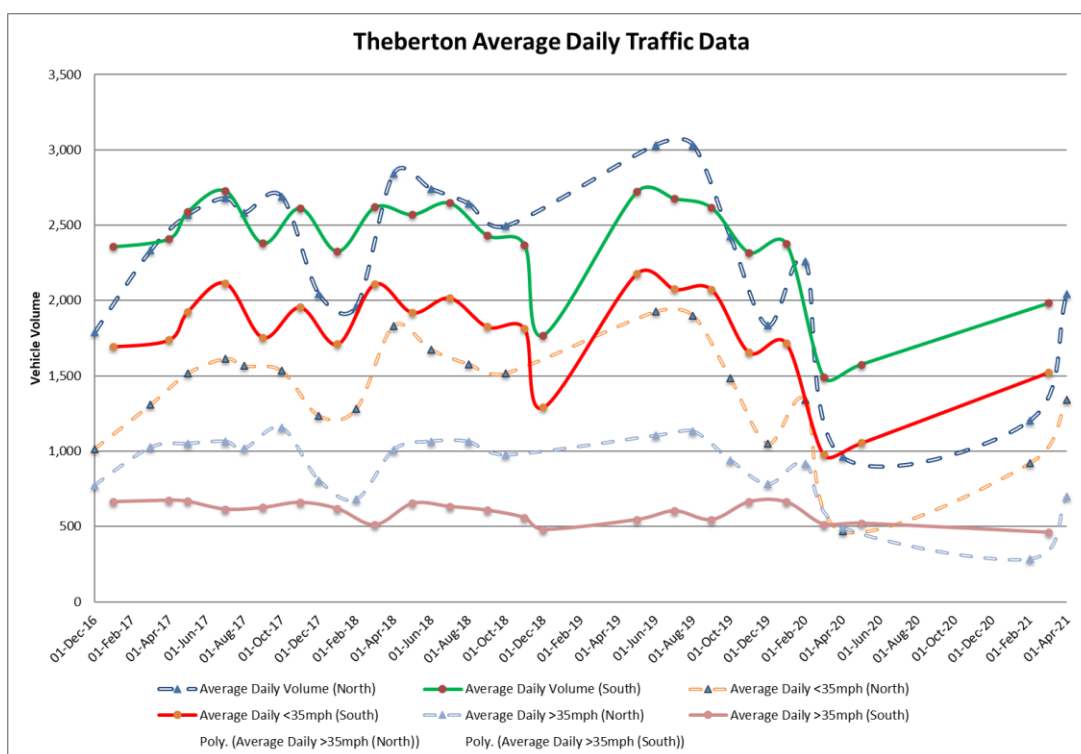
Appendix III – Speed Indicator Device

The speed indicator device has been operational for forty-five ~20-day periods since 20th December 2016. It is placed at one end of the village or other at ~30 day intervals. Last June the radar data logger failed and so has been absent in the village until recently when the unit was repaired.

As it happened, we were still in lockdown when the SID failed and now, we start again and we are in lockdown 3 and it looks like traffic is still be showing lower volumes although now increasing again. Traffic volumes are still around 30% lower than pre-lockdown 1 but those exceeding 35mph has now reduced from 41% to 34% from north and from 28% to 23% from south.

The 85th percentile speed* is back at close to 40mph with 39.2mph from north and 37.7mph from south when they enter the village.

The graph has been changed to display average volumes only rather than total volumes in the period as the batteries have reduced longevity since the SID was out of action and comparisons of the total volumes became meaningless and were distorting the graph analysis.



SID Start Date	18-Sep-19	18-Oct-19	17-Nov-19	18-Dec-19	15-Jan-20	15-Feb-20	16-Mar-20	14-Apr-20	15-May-20	02-Feb-21	05-Mar-21	06-Apr-21
Average Daily Volume (North)		2,424		1,833		2,260		961		1,202		2,042
Average Daily Volume (South)	2,615		2,317		2,374		1,487		1,574		1,981	
Total Vehicles (North)		43,631		29,324		36,162		17,304		14,428		20,421
Total Vehicles (South)	49,682		34,762		37,990		22,310		26,761		25,749	
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)		26,699		16,817		21,461		8,421		11,030		13,415
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)	39,341		24,821		27,414		14,622		17,922		19,770	
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)		16,932		12,507		14,701		8,883		3,398		7,006
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)	10,341		9,941		10,576		7,688		8,839		5,979	
Average Daily <35mph (North)		1,483		1,051		1,341		468		919		1,341
Average Daily <35mph (South)	2,071		1,654		1,713		975		1,054		1,521	
Average Daily >35mph (North)		941		782		919		493		283		701
Average Daily >35mph (South)	544		663		661		512		520		460	
85th percentile speed North (mph)		40.7		41.4		41.2		44.0		37.6		39.2
85th percentile speed South (mph)	37.3		39.4		39.2		40.9		40.2		37.7	
% <35mph (North)		61.2%		57.3%		59.3%		48.7%		76.4%		65.7%
% <35mph (South)	79.2%		71.4%		72.2%		65.5%		67.0%		76.8%	
% >35mph (North)		38.8%		42.7%		40.7%		51.3%		23.6%		34.3%
% >35mph (South)	20.8%		28.6%		27.8%		34.5%		33.0%		23.2%	

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