

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7:00PM.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair
Cllr. Graham Ward
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Robert Flindall
Cllr. Daryl Ash
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Nat Bacon

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
District Cllr. Tom Daly
District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock - apologised
Cllr. Hazel Collins - apologised

Members of the public:

Four members of the public were present.

In attendance:

Honor Houlding- Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council approved the apologies and absences from this month's meeting.
All in favour.

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

None.

3. Public Forum

- a) To receive presentation from Forestry England on the future of Theberton Woods.

The Theberton Woods Update presented by Stephen Wall is attached as Appendix I.

Stephen Whall and Jamie Bell introduced themselves as forestry managers of the Sandlings and Lavenham Beat, explaining there are 7 members of staff that manage the large area. He continued to explain that a new management design plan is likely to be drafted within the next 12 – 18 months which may see Theberton Wood incorporated into the Dunwich Forest plan.

The management of Theberton Woods unlike most other Forestry England woodlands is not for the production and sale of timber, but instead to manage and protect the woodland as naturally as possible with the woods being thinned on rotation over a 10 year plan. By thinning and creating small clearings in woodland it helps to promote diversity and increase habitats for wildlife, wildflowers and butterflies.

Stephen Whall referred to the roadside Ash felling which took place earlier this year explaining this was a difficult project due to heavy wet soils and proximity to Pretty Road and Moat Road.

A member of the public asked Forestry England their thoughts on the advantages of Theberton Woods combining management plans with Dunwich Forrest. Stephen Whall explained that Theberton Woods had not received enough attention historically, which is why the Ash cutbacks earlier this year was of such a large scale. By Combining Dunwich Forest and Theberton Woods, the wood will receive more attention and be more economically viable to Forestry England.

The Council referred to the importance of Theberton Woods as a home for nature and requested more information with regards to ecology works and protecting species such as dormice and greater crested newts at the site as this was of great importance to the local community. Forestry England confirmed that district ecologists perform regular reports on species across the Sandlings and Lavenham Beat.

ACTION: Clerk to request Ecology reports for Theberton Woods from Forestry England

The control of deer herds with regards to the loss of habitat around Minsmere and Eastbridge due to the Sizewell C development was highlighted. Stephen Whall explained that culling of deer is an inevitable part of any woodland design plan as they can be invasive to natural habitats however no known increase in deer numbers had been reported at local woodland sites since the beginning of the works at Sizewell C.

Cllr. Robert Flindall thanked the representatives for their passionate presentation and asked whether a volunteer support scheme could be introduced to help alleviate resources. Sadly, due to the requirement of advanced training and the subsequent increases of insurance costs volunteer schemes were not viable to assist in supporting local woodlands.

Cllr. Stephen Brett thanked the representees of Forestry England for taking the time to speak with the Parish Council and hoped a new positive working relationship could now be possible moving forward.

ACTION: Clerk to request Forestry England to present the Theberton Woods design plan in 6-9 months' time.

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

Four members of the public were present.

c) To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Cllr. Richard Smith began by expressing his delight that the newly refurbished Parish noticeboards were in place and that further locality funding maybe available through Suffolk County Council before the end of year deadline of 31st March 2025.

ACTION: Clerk to notify ESC & SCC of purchase of noticeboards.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to chase final invoice from CW Ellis (to be received before 3rd Jan 2025)

The grand scale of development and works at the Sizewell C sites were discussed. County Cllr. Richard Smith explained only 40% of intended machinery is currently onsite and there are estimated to be 1,000 members of the 8,000 estimated workers when the project is at its peak. Hinkley Point power station estimated 10,000 workers at its full capacity.

County Cllr. Richard Smith discussed the speculated changes to local government to provide a more unified authority, by abolishing the 5 local authorities which could save the government an estimated £40,000,000. There are currently no plans to change the structure of Town or Parish Councils. It is speculated that there could be 2 mayors governing Suffolk and Norfolk retrospectively, however 1 mayor governing both counties is also under consideration.

d) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

No District Councillors were present.

The East Suffolk Council December Report which is attached as **Appendix II**.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting on 2nd October 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and agreed that the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 2nd October 2024 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting on 13th November 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and agreed that the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 13th November 2024 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- b) Matters arising.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council the Leiston Bike Pump Project which had a deadline of the 13th December 2024. The Council decided that the Parish was too small to consider having a Bicycle Pump Station and that they did not wish to be involved with the project. No further actions.

5. Energy Projects

- a) To receive an update from Cllr. Paul Collins.

Cllr. Paul Collins began by summarising the December energy report which is attached as **Appendix III.**

The SANDS meeting which was held on Tuesday 10th December was held to inform residents of the DCO process with regards to SeaLink. Cllr. Paul Collins continued to explain that Lionlink is likely to have a much larger impact on the East Suffolk coast and expressed concern for the lack of coordination between Sizewell C, SeaLink and LionLink.

The Aldhurst Farm Road closure was discussed by the Council and the affects that this road closure will have on commuters particularly accessing Sizewell B and Sizewell C.

Archaeological works are in progress in preparation for the Sizewell Link Road build and where the new road through Eastbridge is planned to be built. Archaeologists report to county archaeologists.

Sizewell C have mentioned an exhibition of archaeological finds for the public to attend. Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council expressed their interest in an Exhibition taking place.

6. Planning

- a) To receive a report from Cllr. Robert Flindall with regards to the Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan Strategy.

Cllr. Robert Flindall's Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan Strategy is attached at **Appendix IV.**

Cllr. Robert Flindall discussed the process of initiating the Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan by forming a subgroup of council members. He continued to explain the application process through East Suffolk Council and possible funding streams.

ACTION: Cllr Stephen Brett to speak with Halesworth Neighbourhood plan expert to invite to meeting.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett & Cllr. Robert Flindall to complete the application for a Neighbourhood Plan with ESC.

- b) To discuss planning application DC/24/4051/ROC, Concrete Batching Plant, Saxmundham Road – deadline 16th December.

Cllr. Robert Flindall summarised planning application DC/24/4051/ROC, Concrete Batching Plant, Saxmundham Road. The Council's consensus was that the company has been operating for over 50 years under the current temporary planning agreement and that permanent planning seemed appropriate. The site is believed to be non-intrusive and have a very small impact on the community.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bob Flindall and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Brett that the Council to submit a no comment response to the above planning application. All in favour

ACTION: Clerk to submit the Parish Council response to DC/24/4051/ROC, Concrete Batching Plant, Saxmundham Road to ESC.

7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

a) Community Council.

The Community Council Minutes from the 4th of December 2024 are attached at **Appendix V**.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Chairman of the Community Council agreed to holding an event to commemorate Doughty Wylie on the 26th of April 2025 and using the event to launch the Heritage Trail.

ACTION: Clerk to discuss locality budget funding with County Cllr. Richard Smith.

b) Platinum Heritage Trail.

Cllr. Stephen Morphey presented the hand drawn heritage trail illustration to the Council who were very impressed with the initial design.

Local printing company, Leiston Press had estimated the printing of the proposed 2 map boards to cost approximately £2,500.

A discussion was held with regards to historic photographs of various Parish sites and the Clerk confirmed that she had requested a disc of photos of the Zeppelin L48 crash photographs.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to book meeting with Cllr. Stephen Morphey and residents who may have access to Doughty Wylie and old school photographs.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to ask local illustrator whether completion of illustrations may be possible before February.

ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins to produce map using Parish Online Geosphere and share with the PHT focus group.

c) Eastbridge Common and Eastbridge Playing Field Tree Planting Project.

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that after seeking adding from East Suffolk Council it had been confirmed that Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council were able to spend accumulated CIL funds on the purchasing of trees for the Eastbridge Playing Field Tree Planting Project.

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Bob Flindall to appropriate the accumulated CIL funds on the recent purchase of the Eastbridge Playing Field Tree Planting Project trees. All in Favour.

d) Parish Website Update.

The Clerk informed the Council of the transition to the new Parish web address www.thebertoneastbridge-pc.gov.uk and new Clerk email address, clerk@thebertoneastbridge-pc.gov.uk are now complete

ACTION: Clerk to update the Parish website and all regular communications providers with the new Clerk email address.

e) Speed Indicator Device.

Cllr Paul Collins' December Speed Indicator Report is attached as **Appendix VI**.

f) Village Hall Broadband.

The Clerk informed the Council that the invoice of £183.96 had been sent to the Community Council for the previous 12 months running from January 2024 to December 2024 had been issued and is waiting to be paid.

The Clerk also explained that due to changes to the current Village Hall broadband provider XLN/Daisy Communications that an early exit from the contract with the company was available. Due to consistent issues with XLN/Daisy Communications the Council agreed to exit the contract and reviewed the report of possible replacement providers circulated by the Clerk.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins to exit the XLN/Daisy Communications contract and began the process of transferring the Village Hall broadband to the BT Essential package. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to write to exit the XLN/Daisy Communications broadband contract.

ACTION: Clerk to initiate the setup of a new broadband provider with BT on their Essential package.

g) Police Crime Report.

The Suffolk Constabulary Police Crime Reports for October **Appendix VII** respectively.

h) Theberton Playing Field Maintenance.

Cllr. Nat Bacon summarised the works completed in maintaining Theberton Playing Field.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes for current costs of replacing of playing field equipment.

ACTION: Cllr. Nat Bacon to raise an invoice for works completed at Theberton Playing Field.

i) Village Noticeboards.

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that the new noticeboards and refurbished doors had been installed today and that the final invoice is yet to be received.

j) Strategic Objectives and Community Café Project.

No discussion was held with regards to the Strategic Objectives and Community Café Project.

k) Thermal Imaging Surveys Availability and Booking Procedure.

The Clerk informed the Council of the advertising via posters and community Facebook and encouraged for Councillor's and residents to participate in booking a free thermal evaluation of their homes.

ACTION: Councillors to send their details to the Clerk to book a free thermal imaging survey.

- l) Outstanding Actions List.

The clerk summarised the November outstanding actions list to the Council who concluded that no further actions were required.

8. Parish Matters

- a) None.

9. Budget and Precept 2024-2025

- a) To consider the draft budget for the financial year 2025-2026.

The Clerk summarised the draft budget projections for the financial year 2025-2026 to the Council, highlighting that new defibrillator pads were required to be purchased next month. A discussion was held with regards to the which projects the Council would like to appropriate funds to in 2025-2026.

[ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins to estimate replacement value of Eastbridge Playing Field.](#)

- b) To consider the parish precept for the financial year 2025-2026.

The Council discussed the government's changes to Council Tax for second homes which therefore significantly increases the Parish precept by an additional 20.7 homes.

10. Administration

- a) To conduct the annual review of the Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Risk Assessment.

A discussion was held with regards to introducing and training a Tree Warden for the Parish.

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and to approve the annual Risk Assessment review. All in favour.

[ACTION: The Clerk to add the nomination of a Parish Tree Warden to January's meeting agenda.](#)

[ACTION: The Clerk to add this renewed Risk Assessment to the Parish website.](#)

- b) To agree to appoint the Suffolk Association of Local Councils as internal auditor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and appoint Suffolk Association of Local Councils as internal auditor. All in favour.

11. Finance

- a) To note the latest financial position.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and it was agreed that the latest financial position to be a true record. All in favour.

- b) To note the receipt from Suffolk Monuments, Burial Ground Fees.

The council noted the receipt of £75.00 from Suffolk Monuments into the Parish bank account as presented on the latest financial position.

c) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£497.95	LGA 1972 s.112
Fruit Trees - Expenses	Hazel Collins	£146.50	LGA 1972 s.111
Birch Trees - Expenses	Hazel Collins	£75.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Jubilee Hall Broadband	XLN/Daisy Communications	£30.82	LGA 1972 s.19

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and it was agreed to authorise the payments listed above. All in favour.

d) To approve the Community Infrastructure Levy report for 2024-2025.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Community Infrastructure Levy report for 2024-2025 would be amended and reviewed in January's meetings due to decisions made during the December meeting.

[ACTION: Clerk to make required updated to the CIL 2024-2025 Report and add to January's agenda for approval.](#)

12. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 13th November 2024 and 9th December 2024 and take action as appropriate.

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

Cllr. Stephen Morphey informed the Council the Eastbridge Burial Ground water butt base had collapsed and requires attention.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Stephen Morphey to address the Eastbridge Burial Ground water butt base and rebuild a new platform.](#)

Cllr. Graham Ward informed the Council that Suffolk County Council will commence work on the broken railings at the bridge on the Eastbridge Church Road junction within the next 14 weeks.

Cllr. Robert Flindall made the Council aware that the road on the Southside of Eastbridge towards Minsmere has no formal road name. The Council expressed their interest in naming the road as a benefit to the local community and those visiting the area.

[ACTION: Clerk to approach ESC about naming the Road accessing the southside of Eastbridge.](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to write to Steve Merry with regards to the 30mph speed limit at Eastbridge.](#)

Cllr. Stephen Brett introduced Vanessa Williams who had attended the meeting to the Council and asked whether she would like to consider being coopted to the Parish Council. The resident agreed to consider the invitation.

[ACTION: Clerk to add Vanessa Davis to Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council website and email communications.](#)

ACTION: Clerk to print coopt forms ahead of January's meeting for the new Councillor, Cllr. Vanessa Davis to be coopted to the Council and the ESC Register of Interest Online Form.

14. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding

Parish Clerk

Meeting Ended at: 21.30

Appendix I – Forestry England, Theberton Woods Presentation

The Theberton Woods Presentation will be submitted retrospectively once received by the representatives at Forestry England.

Appendix II – East Suffolk County Council December Report

District Council Parish Report 10/12/24

Council supports bid for UNESCO World Heritage status

East Suffolk Council has expressed its support for UNESCO World Heritage status to be awarded to coastal wetlands located on a globally important route for migratory waterbirds.

The East Coast Flyway, which runs from the Humber Estuary to the mouth of the Thames and has RSPB Minsmere at its heart, was recently selected as one of five tentative sites nominated for UNESCO World Heritage status by UK Government.

The wetlands along our East Coast support over 155 different bird species, many of which migrate thousands of miles from the Arctic, Northern Canada, Greenland and Siberia to the UK East coast with some continuing their journeys to winter in Africa. Hence the full name of the route as the East Atlantic Flyway.

These East Coast wetlands are a winter home to more than one million waterbirds and are a global exemplar of nature conservation management with some leading examples of well-planned adaptation in response to climate change.

Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Communities, Culture, Leisure and Tourism said:

"The East Atlantic Flyway and our coastal wetlands are part of a globally significant network for migratory birds. We are so fortunate in East Suffolk to be part of an exceptional, extensive and biodiverse habitat across this open coast eco-system. Recognition by UNESCO as to the importance of this coastline would create a lever for investment in local communities, provide enhanced health and wellbeing for residents and visitors, improve ecotourism, infrastructure, research and educational opportunities. It would put East Suffolk on the global map and bring it the international recognition it deserves."

The Council has also agreed to work cross-party with other local authorities and relevant stakeholders across the UK and globally to support this application.

The wetlands being put forward for World Heritage Site Status include several sites within East Suffolk including Benacre to Easton Bavents, Minsmere to Walberswick, the Alde-Ore estuary and the Deben estuary.

The area was added by the Government to the UK Tentative List of Potential World Heritage Sites in April 2023 and the UNESCO list in September 2023.

Christmas and New Year bin collections

Residents in East Suffolk are encouraged to check their bin collection dates over the Christmas and New Year period.

Refuse crews will not be collecting bins on Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day), Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day), or Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day). This means collection days will change over the Christmas and New Year period and residents are urged to check the bin collection day finder for their revised collection date.

Cllr Sally Noble, East Suffolk's cabinet member for the Environment said: "Refuse crews will be working hard to ensure bins are collected as near to Christmas as possible and I would urge residents to check their collection date, especially as some collections will be taking place earlier than usual."

“As we prepare to host friends and family, households can often generate more waste and I would like to encourage people to carefully consider what they are buying, and whether packaging or wrapping paper can be recycled through their household recycling bin.”

Christmas and New Year Collection Dates

Usual collection date	Revised collection date
Monday 23 December	Saturday 21 December
Tuesday 24 December	Monday 23 December
Wednesday 25 December	Tuesday 24 December
Thursday 26 December	Friday 27 December
Friday 27 December	Saturday 28 December
Monday 30 December	Monday 30 December
Tuesday 31 December	Tuesday 31 December
Wednesday 1 January	Thursday 2 January
Thursday 2 January	Friday 3 January
Friday 3 January	Saturday 4 January

Collections will then return to normal from Monday 6 January.

Primary school pupils help launch tree planting programme

An ambitious scheme to plant a quarter-of-a-million trees across East Suffolk is beginning to take root.

Melton Primary School pupils found an ideal spot for one of the first trees to be planted as part of East Suffolk Council’s Tree and Hedgerow Strategy.

The young oak was nurtured at home by Cabinet member for the Environment, Cllr Sally Noble, whose motion to develop the strategy received Full Council backing in July.

As well as identifying priorities for the management of existing trees and woodland, the strategy aims to enable planting of another 250,000 trees to boost canopy cover by 1% – with one of the first taking root at Melton Primary School for the start of the annual planting season and to coincide with National Tree Week.

Working with the Woodland Trust, East Suffolk Council is also calling on local landowners to help identify land which could be used for planting or making improvements for nature.

Cllr Noble said:

“I’m delighted to have been joined by pupils at Melton Primary School in helping to kick-start our planting programme. I’m continually encouraged by children’s understanding of the environment and enthusiasm for enriching our natural surroundings.

“Protecting trees is key to tackling biodiversity decline driven by climate change. We are working with residents, community groups and experts on developing a strategy to enable more trees to be planted across East Suffolk, while identifying priorities and requirements for the management of existing trees across the district.”

The tree was originally given to the school to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and was grown by Cllr Noble until robust enough to plant in a suitable space.

Earlier this year, East Suffolk Council passed a motion to declare a biodiversity and ecological emergency, having already declared a climate emergency in 2019.

The Tree and Hedgerow Strategy will feed into Suffolk’s developing ‘Local Nature Recovery Strategy’ – part of a nationwide move to create space and connectivity for nature to thrive.

East Suffolk Council will also commit further resources to supporting the role of town and parish councils, as well as local tree wardens and community volunteers, in performing a fundamental role protecting and managing new and existing trees.

Ongoing work will continue to map tree canopy cover in the district, creating opportunities for planting on council-owned land and for private landowners to identify suitable spaces.

Local landowners can get in touch to help identify land which could be used for planting, or making improvements for nature, by emailing greenissues@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Fresh opportunity for funding to support East Suffolk residents this winter

Voluntary organisations and community groups have another chance to apply for an East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council ‘Cost of Living Community Grant’ to support individuals and families in communities throughout the district this winter.

The Cost of Living Community Grant fund has already supported 17 projects across East Suffolk in round one, ranging from a network of Warm Rooms in Beccles to the Woodbridge CommuniTEA Chinwag and the Emmaus Felixstowe Community Lunch.

Groups can apply for a grant of £500 to £1,500 to run projects between January and March 2025, but are encouraged to get their applications in soon – the second and final round will close on December 16.

Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk Council’s Cabinet member for Communities, Culture, Leisure and Tourism, said:

“We had a great spread of projects in round one to help support local residents with warm spaces, food and social opportunities this winter.

When the weather turns cold, as it has over the last week, some residents struggle to stay warm and access hot meals, and can struggle with loneliness.

“We want to enable local organisations to tackle this and support as many people as possible. If you have a great project in mind that could hit the ground running in the new year, please get your application in as soon as you can.”

Applications from projects that received a grant in round one, or a Warm Welcome grant from East Suffolk Council this winter, will not be eligible for funding and cannot be considered.

[Cost of Living Community Grant Fund](#)

Appendix III – Cllr. Paul Collins December Energy Report

1. TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

TEAGS renewal hearing for the challenge to the Office for Nuclear Regulation’s grant of a Nuclear Site License (NSL) was heard at the High Court on 3rd December.

The application to for Judicial Review was rejected.

TEAGS solicitor and KC remain of the opinion that the ONR erred in their interpretation of the Nuclear Installations Act regarding the sea defences exclusion in the Nuclear Site License and that the rejection by the judge on 3rd December to allow JR still misinterprets the legal requirements of the act regarding the nuclear site license regulatory boundary.

We now await the transcript of the hearing and decision but have applied for permission to appeal, which has to be lodged within seven days.

A decision as to whether we will take the appeal forward will be made once the transcripts are available and we are able to take a considered view on the various arguments being presented by our legal team.

2. East Suffolk Communities Energy Partnership and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

No further actions have been taken in respect of the letters to and from Secretary of State Miliband.

However, Alison and I attended a Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Nuclear NGO meeting on Monday 9th December. The meeting started with a one-hour meeting with Lord Hunt who is the Minister with responsibility for Nuclear Power. Various issues were raised about the SZC finance position, and I got a chance to ask a question on behalf on the 30 or so Parish and Town Councils, who were signatories to the letters to SoS Miliband, regarding a meeting with DESNZ to discuss the cumulative impact of all the energy projects either approved or slated for this area.

Given that the only forums currently available are those to do with SZC and the other developers do not attend these meetings, the remit of the meetings the agenda doesn’t really allow for these issues to be raised substantively. Also, as a meeting held in public but not a public meeting, NGO’s and the public are excluded from participation as a result of the Deed of Obligation restricting direct engagement to Parish or Town Councillors. So, we have been trying to persuade ministers and DESNZ to come to East Suffolk to hear our concerns and provide a way of getting the developers together to discuss the cumulative impacts and clashes of schedule (e.g. SPR and SZC plans for the Friday Street junction on the A12) which are now becoming apparent.

The Minister heard the request and agreed to follow up with this and later in the meeting a suggestion was made as to how we might take this forward.

Alison and Tim Beach (Snape PC) will pursue this suggestion shortly.

3. B1122 planning discussions and SZC Deed of Obligation Forums

We still await responses from SZC to the points raised at the meeting in the Village Hall on 19th June. A meeting of the B1122 planning group is expected in the New Year.

At a public meeting in Yoxford on 20th November between Yoxford Parish Council and SZC, the following dates and progress points were presented by SZC.

Northern P&R

- Q4 2024 Design Approval expected and contractor selection underway
- Q1 2025 Temporary access created and Archaeology at southern end close to station
- Q2 2025 Roundabout works starts
- Q3 2026 NPR complete

Yoxford Roundabout

- SCC have now approved design - Landscaping still to be approved, expected in December
- Contract award expected December or January
- Q1-Q2 2025 start works
- Spring 2026 complete but hoping to bring in late 2025

SLR

- Design complete and at SCC Highways for approval
- Contracts out for tender
- Spring 2025 assign contract
- Start mid 2025

SCC Highways were invited to the meeting but sent apologies as not available, perhaps due to late notice. Apart from the angst etc and a lot of objections to the 30mph B1122 speed limit, nothing else was conveyed that warrants note.

The next Main Development Site Forum is scheduled for 15th January 2025, Northern Transport Forum for 5th February 2025 and Community Forum for 27th March 2025.

4. Scottish Power Wind Farms and Friston Substation

Various preparatory works and archaeology are now being undertaken.

5. LionLink (formerly EuroLink) and Nautilus – National Grid Ventures

Following OFGEM approval, Nautilus is now going to a landfall on the Isle of Grain in Essex. LionLink remains with a proposed landfall in the Walberswick area.

6. Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

A further meeting at Westleton Village Hall arranged by SEAS and SAND is to take place on Tuesday 10th December to update Parish and Town Councils on the implications of the Sea Link Interconnector for other energy projects in this area associated with the Friston substation. I will be attending and will report back to council at our meeting on 11th December. DCO submission is still expected Q1 2025.

7. Solar Farms/Battery Storage between Friston and Snape

No further information at this time.

8. Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further information at this time.

Appendix IV – Neighbourhood Plan Strategy Report

**Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council
11th December 2024**

Proposed Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan

1.Summary

This report provides an update to the on initial progress towards delivery of a Neighbourhood Plan following the report to the Council on 2nd October 2024.

2.Recommendations

- 1) That a subgroup be established to further the principle of the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2) To open negotiations with East Suffolk Council and to submit an application to designate a Neighbourhood Area.
- 3) To continue to present further regular reports to the Council.

3. Report Detail

3.1 The Parish Council meeting on 2nd October 2024 considered the principle of the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan

It agreed

- a sub group of the Council be established to forward this task, including, when appropriate, to open negotiations with East Suffolk Council;
- to explore the possibility of grant funding from the organisation 'Locality'.
- that further regular reports be presented to the Council that propose a detailed timetable and plan to progress the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

3.2 The meeting also agreed that a representative of Halesworth Town Council be invited to a future meeting to make a presentation on the preparation of the Halesworth Neighbourhood Plan (see

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans-in-the-area/halesworth-neighbourhood-plan/>)

3.3 This presentation has been delayed because of other Council business. In the meantime some preliminary work has been undertaken to forward the Plan in preparation for the first meeting of a sub group.

3.4 East Suffolk Council has been approached to seek a meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. A positive response has been received requesting further information prior to a meeting and the submission of an application to designate a Neighbourhood Area.

3.5 A meeting with the Community Council is proposed to invite early representation on the Sub Group.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 Research has found that the Locality funding is currently only available until April 2025. This date would be too soon for Theberton and Eastbridge to make sufficient progress to appoint professional assistance if it wished to do so. Further Government funding might be allocated to Neighbourhood Plan preparation beyond March 2025. Other funding opportunities might be available.

Appendix V – Community Council Minutes 4th December 2024

Minutes of Theberton and Eastbridge Community Council Meeting held in Jubilee Hall

Date: 4th December 2024 Time: 6.00pm

Present: Chair Steve Nicholls (SN), Ruth Brown (RB), Angie Buxton-King (ABK), Sally Ginger (SG), Chris Whitewick (CW)
Shell Moulton -Vice Chair (SM), Andy Hall (AH), Ruth Sawyer (RS)

Apologies John Keeble (JK)

Minutes of the last meeting: 6TH November 2024 Approved and signed by Chairman (SN)

Chair's Report: Covered by this agenda

Treasurer's Report: Covered by this agenda

Past events

- **Quiz Night Saturday, November 23rd**

Well attended. Some feedback to (SN) that the food could have been better but at a cost of £5.00 per ticket it was felt by the CC that it was good value for money.

Upcoming events

- **Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree Festival** Sat 7th & Sun 8th December 11-4pm

- Stalls in hand no space for any more
- (SM) Happy that volunteers stepped forward to help.
- Help needed to set up on Friday 6th December

- **Children's Christmas Party** Saturday 14th December

Careful planning regarding balloon displays for the grotto this year as costs can be kept down if we buy from Amazon.

Matters Arising:

1. Two copies of the Tenancy agreement are now in place (SN) will arrange for Maggie to sign by next Wednesday the 11th of December. One copy for Maggie one for CC files
2. Maggie will be contacted by Andy Hall (AH) to arrange the first of two annual visits to ascertain what needs doing in the cottage. Ruth (RS) will accompany (AH).
3. The new website is live. Steve (SN) has asked if anyone has pictures of past events please email them to him
4. Plug in Suffolk no update as yet on next moves.
5. Carpet Bowls Box – Sally (SG) has spoken to Steve Glen re ordering a new box.
6. **Cottage /Hall**
 - a) Entrance Door repairs ... Ruth (RB) to obtain a quote for a replacement UVPC door.
 - b) Floor in Cottage repair...Ruth (RB) Quote to be sought from the builder who repaired the roof –work would need to be carried out in the spring so now is a good time to obtain quotes.
 - c) Andy (AH) says that some repointing work on the chimney stack is also required along with some other minor jobs. The builder can be asked about this when he is contacted.

d) Maggie has some ingestion of water and the two issues may be linked.

AOB:

1. Free, house thermal survey available, provided by East Suffolk council to fund the use of a thermal camera 2nd Jan to 27th Jan. If anyone is interested please contact Honor Holding, There are possible grants for improving insulation.
2. Possible joint event with the Parish Council re Lt Col Doughty-Wylie's 110th anniversary in April 2025.
3. Has anyone got any pictures of the Zeppelin crash for the Parish Council?
4. Joint bi-annual meeting with the Parish Council, in March and September. All CC members would be interested in attending.
5. Angie (ABK) standing down from CC at the next AGM.
6. Steve (SN) may also need to stand down at AGM due personal reasons.

Meeting Closed: 19.22

Date of Next CC Meeting: Wednesday 5th February Time: 6PM

Appendix VI – Cllr. Paul Collins December Speed Indicator Device Report

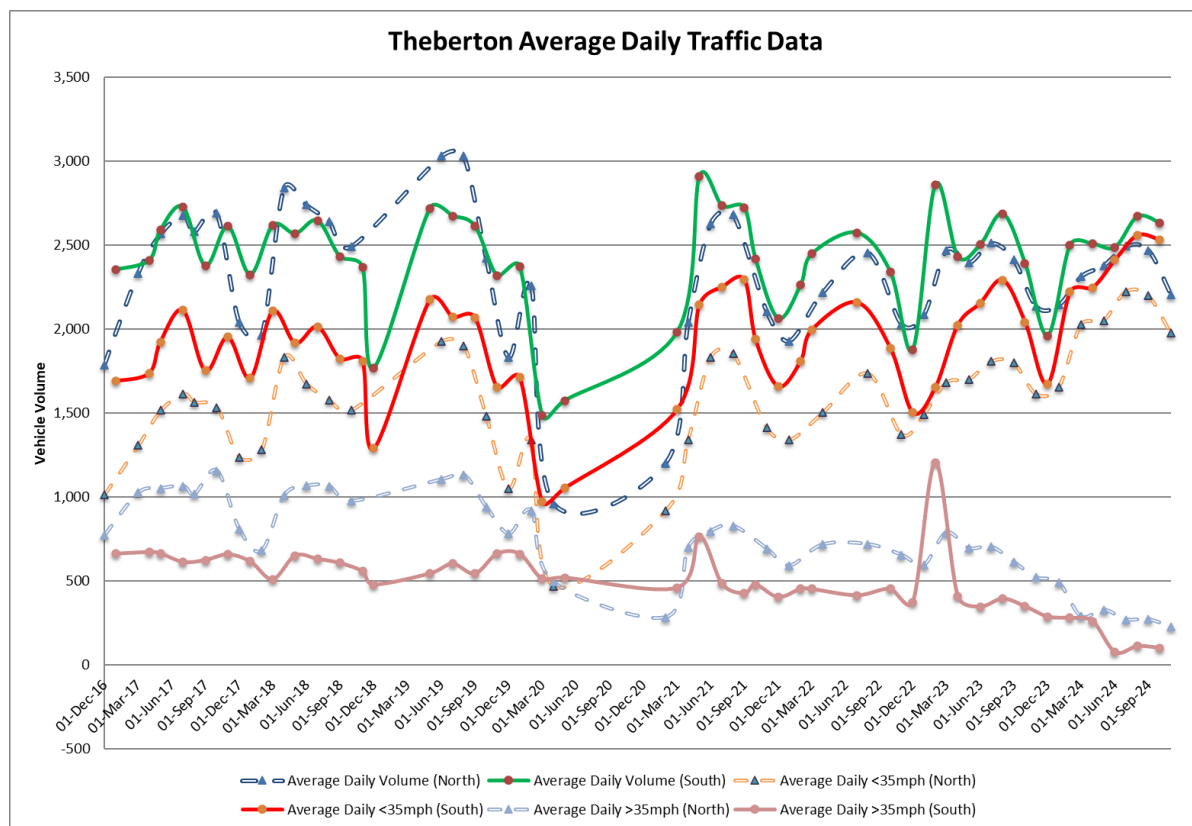
Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 11th December 2024

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

Traffic volumes long-term averages for those exceeding 35mph is now **32.1%** from north and **20.9%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is **39.1mph** from North and **36.7mph** from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.

There is a clear reduction in speed noticeable from 20th May when the enforceable 30mph speed limit came into effect. This has continued into this latest month and reductions in averaged speeds and 85th percentile speeds seem to be settling at the lower levels.



SID Start Date	16-Nov-23	15-Dec-23	14-Jan-24	13-Feb-24	14-Mar-24	13-Apr-24	13-May-24	17-Jun-24	12-Jul-24	11-Aug-24	10-Sep-24	21-Oct-24	20-Nov-24
Average Daily Volume (North)	2,135		2,144		2,314		2,380		2,495		2,471		2,207
Average Daily Volume (South)		1,962		2,502		2,509		2,489		2,672		2,632	
Total Vehicles (North)	40,570		40,738		43,972		40,455		48,750		46,940		44,146
Total Vehicles (South)		37,029		50,033		47,664		47,287		50,769		47,367	
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)	30,668		31,402		38,488		34,863		43,474		41,792		39,593
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)		31,604		44,437		42,716		45,843		48,650		45,554	
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)	9,902		9,336		5,484		5,592		5,276		5,148		4,553
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)		5,425		5,596		4,948		1,444		2,119		1,813	
Average Daily <35mph (North)	1,614		1,653		2,026		2,051		2,225		2,200		1,980
Average Daily <35mph (South)		1,674		2,222		2,248		2,413		2,561		2,531	
Average Daily >35mph (North)	521		491		289		329		270		271		228
Average Daily >35mph (South)		287		280		260		76		112		101	
85th percentile speed North (mph)	37.7		37.4		34.4		34.8		34.2		34.2		34.1
85th percentile speed South (mph)		34.9		34.2		33.8		29.7		30.1		29.9	
% <35mph (North)	75.6%		77.1%		87.5%		86.2%		89.2%		89.0%		89.7%
% <35mph (South)		85.3%		88.8%		89.6%		96.9%		95.8%		96.2%	
% >35mph (North)	24.4%		22.9%		12.5%		13.8%		10.8%		11.0%		10.3%
% >35mph (South)		14.7%		11.2%		10.4%		3.1%		4.2%		3.8%	

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

Appendix VII – October Police Crime Report



All Crimes (89)

October 2024