

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2024 AT 7:00PM.

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

It was decided due to two members of the Parish Council not being in attendance to elect the Vice Chair at the next Parish Council Meeting taking place on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

ACTION: Clerk to add Election of Vice Chair to July's Agenda.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with residents who may be interested in being elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

2. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair
Cllr. Hazel Collins
Cllr. Steven Morphey
Cllr. Graham Ward – Arrived late
Cllr. Nat Bacon – Arrived late
Cllr. Robert Flindall
Cllr. Daryl Ash

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
District Cllr. Tom Daly
Cllr. Paul Collins- Apologised

Members of the public:

No members of the public were present

In attendance:

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

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

None.

4. Public Forum

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

No members of the public were present.

b) To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Cllr. Richard Smith began by explaining that due to the upcoming General Election on the 5th of July 2024 that he will be available to answer questions only and cannot be seen to be promoting party politics.

Cllr. Stephen Brett asked whether an imminent General Election restricts the work of County and District Councillors. County Cllr. Richard Smith explained that decisions of the Council are put on hold and decisions resume after the election has taken place.

c) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock introduced the June East Suffolk Council Report attached as **Appendix I** and summarised the report highlighting the Feed the Bees campaign, mental health statistics, Keep Suffolk Beautiful campaign and

money put aside by East Suffolk Council to assist in times of urgent need as a response to the storms and flooding in the County in 2023.

Cllr. Stephen Brett raised the issue mental health in children and explained that he was horrified with what some children experience at such a young age. District Councillor Sarah Whitelock references the wellness booklets which help to guide how to respond to a child mental health and where to find help and support. Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust carry out work to help children suffering with mental health issues and have recently seen a change of Chair to the Foundation.

Cllr. Stephen Brett also discussed the effects of Storm Babet, particular to the community of Framlingham and commended East Suffolk Council for preparing emergency funds to assist those affected by future catastrophic events. However, learning lessons and preventing repeats to flooded areas should be prioritised by the Council. District Councillor Sarah Whitelock explained that investigations to all flood affected areas are under way and will be completed in due course, continuing to explain that some preventatives are easy to achieve. Citing a case in Yoxford, where the cooperation of a local farmer ploughing the adjacent fields in a different direction, thus allowing the water to run and drain off away from the flood affected properties.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th of May 2024 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- b) To approve as accurate the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 9th May 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey and agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9th of May 2024 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- c) Matters arising.

Cllr. Stephen Brett raised correspondence from a resident who would like to instate a blue commemoration plaque for the late Lady Eve Balfour at 4 Rattla Corner. Lady Eve Balfour lived at the Cottage for many years and was the founder of the Soil Association and a forerunner in organic farming in the 1900s.

The Council announced that permission from the landowner of 4 Rattla Corner would be required before voting as to whether they support the application of providing an English Heritage blue plaque.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with landowner of 4 Rattla Corner.

ACTION: Clerk to add English Heritage blue plaque for Lady Eve Balfour to July's Agenda.

5. Councillors

- a) To agree Councillors' responsibilities and who to liaise with the Community Council

Cllr. Daryl Ash and Cllr. Hazel Collins volunteered to share the responsibility of attending the monthly Community Council meetings held at Theberton Village Hall. Both councillors were thanked by the rest of the Council.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Community Council chair and request notice of meetings to be forwarded to Cllr. Daryl Ash and Cllr. Hazel Collins for future meeting dates.

- b) To agree which Councillors should lead on Energy Projects, Speed Indicator Device, Playing Fields, Planning, Burial Ground, Platinum Heritage Trail, Strategic Objectives, Eastbridge Common, Plug in Suffolk and Defibrillators

The Council reviewed and allocated responsibilities to each Council member.

Cllr. Robert Flindall highlighted that the Strategic Objectives should be discussed more regularly by the Council and it was suggested to add them to the agenda each quarter for review.

[ACTION: Clerk to add the Strategic Objectives to the Councillor Responsibilities and upload the revised document to the website.](#)

- c) To agree replacement signatory with Barclays Bank

Due to the full Council not being present at the June meeting it was decided to add the bank signatory responsibilities to July's Agenda.

[ACTION: Clerk to add update of bank Mandate at Vice Chair bank signatory to July's Agenda.](#)

6. Energy Projects

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

Due to Cllr. Paul Collins' absence, Cllr. Stephen Brett summarised June's energy report to the Council attached as **Appendix II**.

- b) To discuss the implementation of 20mph speed limit or 30mph average speed limit along the B1122

Cllr. Stephen Brett announced that Sizewell C will be hosting a meeting at Theberton Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 19th June to present The B1122 Early Years Plans. Noting that the 20mph speed limit, 30mph average speed limit camera enforcement between Yoxford and Leiston and suggested 'one way' system to Onner's Lane and Potter's Street are likely to be discussed.

[ACTION: Clerk to produce poster for Sizewell C B1122 Early Years Presentation on Wednesday 19th June.](#)

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the council that he is meeting with Sizewell C team to discuss the weatherproofing of the Sluice Path through Eastbridge to Sizewell Beach on Thursday 13th June and will report back to the full council at the next Parish Council meeting on the 3rd of July 2024.

7. Planning

- a) To consider any planning matters and applications

Cllr. Robert Flindall reported no updates on the Moat Road planning application.

Cllr. Robert Flindall continued to explain that the supplementary planning documents covering custom and self-build housing have now been approved and published on the East Suffolk Planning website.

8. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

a) Platinum Heritage Trail

Cllr. Steven Morphey reported that he had recently visited the Long Shop Museum in Leiston to meet with their archivist who may have access to the original hi resolution images of the Zeppelin crash.

The Platinum Heritage Trail working group arranged their next meeting to discuss locations of boards for the Heritage Trail for the 24th of June 2024.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with Leiston Press and Community Action Suffolk website hosting with regards to the Zeppelin crash photos.

b) Eastbridge Common

The Eastbridge Common focus group informed the Council that the area had been mowed, however due to the amount of rain in recent weeks Eastbridge Common will require mowing again soon. A discussion was held with regards to the flowering wildflower and it was decided to hold off mowing Eastbridge Common until the wildflowers have seeded.

Cllr. Stephen Brett reported that he had spoken to the County Council with regards to the flooding at Eastbridge Common. The County Council had confirmed that it was the landowner's responsibility, not the Parish Council's responsibility to dredge ditches that lay on private property.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with residents about dredging ditches that fall on their properties to help prevent future flooding issues.

Cllr. Hazel Collins reintroduced the idea of replacing the felled Birch tree on Eastbridge Common. It was decided that some research should be done in to Birch and Cherry Trees and that a plan should be put in place for resourcing and informing residents of the Parish Council's intention.

ACTION: Cllr. Hazel Collins to research providers and costs of Cherry and Birch trees to replace the felled tree at Eastbridge Common.

ACTION: Clerk to add tree planting at Eastbridge Common and Eastbridge Playing Field to July's Agenda.

c) Village Noticeboard Refurbishments

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that the works to the village noticeboards by Mr. Ellis have been instructed however there will be a 12 week lead time before the project begins.

d) Funeral Bier Relocation

Cllr. Hazel Collins summarised the response from the local vicar with regards to storing the bier in St Peter's Church. A discussion was held with the Council and they have decided to seek advice from the Long Shop Museum, Leiston with regards to the authenticity and relocation of the bier.

ACTION: Stephen Morphey to speak to Long Shop Museum the funeral bier.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with St. Peter's Church Warden for guidance on how to proceed with the relocation of the funeral bier.

e) Doughty Wylie 110th Anniversary Celebration.

Cllr. Stephen Morphey noted a correction to the anniversary from 110 years to 105 years since the death of Lieutenant Colonel Doughty Wylie which falls in April 2025. The Council decided that tying in a celebration of Doughty Wylie could be held in conjunction with the launch of the Platinum Heritage Trail and to revisit this idea later in the year.

ACTION: Clerk to add Doughty Wylie 105th celebration to the Platinum Heritage Trail timeline as a soft project launch date.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with local historian whether they would be interested in being involved with the celebration in April 2025.

f) Community Council

The Community Council Meeting Minutes from their meeting held on the 3rd of June 2024 are attached as **Appendix III**.

g) Speed Indicator Device

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council's June Speed Indicator Device Report is attached as **Appendix IV**.

h) Plug in Suffolk Application

Cllr. Graham Ward volunteered to assist the clerk with the next steps for the Plug in Suffolk EV Charging points project.

ACTION: Clerk to send Plug in Suffolk contracts and information to Cllr. Graham Ward.

i) Police Crime Report

The Police Crime Report for April 2024 is attached as **Appendix V**.
There were two crimes to report in April 2024 for Theberton and Eastbridge.

j) East Suffolk Blooms 2024

Previous Vice Chair Hilary Ward had previously discussed applying for bulbs for the Parish under the East Suffolk Blooms grant. The Council decided they would like to discuss which bulbs are available before proceeding with the application.

ACTION: Clerk to contact East Suffolk Blooms as to which bulbs are available under the scheme.

k) To review Parish Council Public Liability and Employee Insurance Policies

The Clerk summarised the report circulated with the Council ahead of the Public Liability Insurance Renewal, due on the 8th of July 2024.

The findings showed that continuing with Community Action Suffolk was the most cost effective insurer and the cover provided to be satisfactory to the Council's needs.

l) XLN Broadband – Review Customer Care Level £5.00 + VAT

The Clerk summarised the Customer Care Package Cover and cost increase to the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Hazel Collins and agreed that the Council do not wish to add the Customer Care Package to the Parish Council broadband account. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to inform XLN broadband to remove the Customer Care Package from the Parish Council account.

m) Theberton and Eastbridge Playing Field and Equipment

The Clerk reported that the bird deterring spikes had been refitted at both Theberton and Eastbridge playing fields by Cllr. Paul Collins. Cllr. Nat Bacon also confirmed that he will replace the bark at Theberton Playing Field ahead of the July meeting.

ACTION: Cllr. Nat Bacon to disburse bark on necessary play equipment at Theberton Playing Field

n) Outstanding Actions List

The Clerk summarised the outstanding actions list.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak to John Lepley of Theberton Woods with regards to inviting Forestry England to a Parish Council Meeting to discuss the future of the woods.

8. Parish Matters

a) Parish Council Meeting Refreshments

Cllr. Stephen Brett brought the matter of meeting refreshments to the Council's attention. The previous Vice Chairman of the Parish Council had purchased tea, coffee, milk and biscuits for all Parish Council meetings at a significant cost.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Nat Bacon and agreed that each councillor should donate £10.00 to the refreshment fund and agree to pay the refreshment expenses of £16.15 to Cllr. Hazel Collins. All in favour.

ACTION: All councillors to bring £10.00 to next meeting to add to refreshments budget.

9. Administration

a) To conduct the annual review of the Financial Regulations and updates by NALC

ACTION: Clerk to add the review of NALC's Financial Regulations update to next month's agenda to allow more time to be reviewed.

ACTION: Councillors to review NALC Financial Regulations circulated by the Clerk ahead of July meeting.

b) To conduct the annual review of Parish Council Public Liability Cover

It was proposed by Cllr. Nat Bacon and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and it was agreed to instruct Community Action Suffolk to renew the Parish Council's Public Liability Cover. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to instruct renewal of insurance with Community Action Suffolk and add payment to July's agenda.

10. Finance

- a) To note the latest financial position including the receipt of £250.00 donation from East Suffolk Council and £250.00 from Suffolk County Council towards new noticeboards in the Parish

The receipts of grant donations by East Suffolk Council of £250.00 and Suffolk County Council of £250.00 were noted by the Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and it was agreed that the latest financial position to be a true record. All in favour.

- b) To review and approve the Annual Accounts for the financial year of 2023- 2024 and VAT calculations.

The clerk explained the difficulties experienced with VAT calculations and apologised for the mistakes to the VAT calculations and summarised the VAT correction document circulated with the Council. The Council noted the corrections and approved the updated VAT calculations which will be amended at the next VAT claim in January 2025 as advised by HMRC.

There were no changes to the Annual Accounts for the financial year of 2023- 2024.

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

The Clerk presented the NFU Mutual Tractor Insurance Renewal of £59.29 reporting a £6.45 increase on 2023's policy. The Council felt the £6.45 increase was satisfactory in the current market and did not wish to pursue alternative insurers.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Nat Bacon and to renew the Tractor Insurance with NFU Mutual. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to instruct NFU Mutual to renew the insurance at £59.25 and add payment to July's agenda for authorisation.

- d) To authorise the payments listed below:

| Details | Payee | Amount | Power |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Clerk's Salary | Honor Houlding | £369.15 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| Broadband | XLN/Daisy Communications | £38.81 | LGA 1972 s.19 |
| Meeting Expenses | Hazel Collins | £16.15 | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| Mower Fuel | Steven Morphey | £7.75 | OSA 1906 s.9 |

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and it was agreed to authorise the payments listed above. All in favour.

11. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 6th May 2024 and 10th June 2024 and act as appropriate.

The Clerk summarised the above dated correspondence. Cllr. Bob Flindall brought the future development of the strategic plan to the Council's attention and volunteered, with his experience with applying for grants and funding to assess available grants on behalf of the Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk to add Grant Funding to the Councillor Responsibilities.

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

Cllr. Stephen Morphey raised that the Eastbridge Burial Ground Shed requires painting and he will need access to a generator to complete the task.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Stephen Morphey to organise generator to spray the Eastbridge Burial Ground shed.

Cllr. Steven Morphey brought to the Council's attention that the road sign at the end of Church Road approaching Eastbridge is still missing.

ACTION: Councillors to send images and feedback on Parish road signs to the Clerk to report to East Suffolk Council.

Cllr. Hazel Collins mentioned the badger sets causing erosion to the Sluice footpath in Eastbridge which is becoming very dangerous to pedestrians and requires urgent attention.

ACTION: Clerk to add to July's agenda for discussion

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to discuss with landowner and Sizewell C ahead of July's Parish Council meeting.

13. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7:00pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding
Parish Clerk
Meeting ended at 8.59pm.

Appendix I – East Suffolk Council, June Report

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL REPORT

JUNE 2024

Providing essential habitats for wildlife through revised scheme

A conservation scheme which created 100 spaces across East Suffolk for the benefit of wildlife is to be enhanced, with a new look and a focus on increasing the biodiversity value of the wild areas.

East Suffolk Council's 'Pardon the weeds, we're feeding the bees' campaign, where grass was left to grow longer to help wildlife thrive was launched in 2020 and aimed to boost the biodiversity on 100 pieces of council-owned land by limiting grass cutting to twice per year. The wild areas were marked with eye-catching yellow signs to make residents and visitors aware of the scheme.

Building on the success of Pardon the Weeds, and learning from local and national examples, East Suffolk Council is now revising the scheme, by increasing the number of sites and improving the biodiversity value of key sites. The scheme, which will officially launch later this year, will be rebranded as 'Nature at Work', with new recyclable signs to replace the Pardon the Weeds signs, many of which had become damaged over the years.

As well as reduced grass cutting, Nature at Work will aim to improve the biodiversity value of wild areas, ensuring key sites are seeded and actively managed. The project will also involve local schools and community groups and an

informal Facebook group will be set up giving people the chance to engage with others, offering advice and seed/equipment exchanges. It may also be possible to involve local landowners, businesses and housing associations in future to add sites not owned by the Council.

Providing mental health information across East Suffolk

Information is being distributed across East Suffolk to help people improve their mental health and find local support services.

A new booklet, entitled 'Well Minds East Suffolk' has been produced by East Suffolk Council and contains an extensive range of mental health advice, information and details of local support services for people of all ages in need of help with their mental health.

10,000 booklets have been produced, funded by the Community Partnership Board and two local Community Partnership groups as part of their Well Minds East Suffolk programme which is also providing free mental health training for voluntary and community organisations.

Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Communities, Culture, Leisure and Tourism said: "Improving the mental health and wellbeing of our residents is one of the main priorities for this administration. We know that many people in East Suffolk are struggling with their mental health following the Covid-19 pandemic, the high costs of living and other challenges. We have also heard from foodbanks, voluntary organisations, town and parish councils and community groups who are speaking to people in need of mental health support and want to offer them guidance on immediate and longer-term help.

"Our Leader, Caroline Topping, was very keen to make this happen following the loss of a friend to suicide. Everyone involved in the project knows that with the right help families and friends can make a real difference to someone in distress.

"There are a lot of specialist groups who can offer advice, but it can be difficult at a time of crisis to know where to look. These new booklets bring all the information together providing a valuable resource for anyone in need of help, or who is looking for guidance with a friend or family member."

The booklets are being delivered to community settings across the district, including libraries, community centres and the Council's network of Warm Welcomes.

Half a million pounds for communities in new emergency response fund

A new fund has been established to provide immediate, short-term financial support to East Suffolk communities affected by future emergency events.

In February, as part of the 2024-25 Budget setting process, East Suffolk Council created a Resilience Reserve in response to the severe disruption caused by Storm Babet last October. Now, Cabinet members have agreed how this £500,000 pot will be managed, through a newly established Resilience and Emergency Response Fund (RERF).

The RERF is designed to ensure East Suffolk Council can be more flexible and responsive to cover reasonable additional costs incurred by town and parish councils during an emergency event.

In the aftermath of Storm Babet, East Suffolk Council established the East Suffolk Flood Recovery Group, that provided a physical presence in Framlingham and Wickham Market to assist and deal with affected residents enquiries and clean up in the aftermath.

Although longer-term grants were available under central Government's flood recovery framework, a gap was identified to support the immediate and urgent needs of residents and communities; for example, provision of skips through East Suffolk Services to remove damaged household items and costs (food, bedding, clothing) for displaced people using the emergency centre set up in Framlingham's Community Hall.

Examples of support that could be provided by the fund include temporary accommodation costs for up to 48 hours, disposal costs for damaged furniture, carpets or flooring, and support for voluntary groups to assist and co-ordinate recovery activities.

In addition to the RERF, a dedicated council officer will be appointed, to build upon our existing emergency response capacity, providing a communication, co-ordinating and enabling role for our town and parish councils, communities and residents before, during and after future emergency events.

More choice when paying for parking in East Suffolk

From Monday 20 May, motorists parking in East Suffolk Council-owned car parks will be able to choose from a selection of cashless payment providers.

East Suffolk Council has joined the pilot phase of the National Parking Platform (NPP), a multi-vendor cashless parking solution delivered by the Department for Transport.

This means that, in addition to RingGo, there will now be other parking providers to use when paying for parking cashlessly in all 73 chargeable council-owned car parks across East Suffolk.

The suppliers available, which are part of the NPP, are RingGo, PayByPhone, JustPark, APCOA Connect and AppyParking+. More suppliers may become available later.

Joining the National Parking Platform gives drivers the choice to use their preferred parking app or website, rather than having to use a single provider which the Council has chosen on their behalf. This makes paying for parking easier, quicker and more convenient.

On arrival at a car park, drivers can choose to pay using any of the listed providers, through an app if they already have it or are able to download it at the time, or through the providers' website.

Drivers are encouraged to check the terms and conditions of each provider before paying for parking, as administration fees may vary and there may also be optional fees for additional services such as text reminders. There is no fee for paying with cash at the machine.

Cashless payments in East Suffolk Council's car parks are currently managed through RingGo, which attracts a convenience fee of 20p per transaction. To help support cashless payments when they were first introduced, the Council has previously absorbed this charge.

Under the conditions of joining the National Parking Platform, this charge will now be paid by the customer. All parking operators on the platform charge a small administrative fee and customers have the option to 'shop around' for the provider that offers them the best value for money.

Each East Suffolk car park has a location code, which is displayed prominently on signs within the car park itself and is used to identify the car park when paying for parking over the phone, online or through an app.

From 20 May, these location codes will change slightly however these will be clearly displayed on signs in all car parks.

All East Suffolk car parks will still accept cash using the on-site payment machines. A valid ticket will still need to be clearly displayed if paying by cash.

Monthly and annual tickets already purchased through RingGo will cross over to the new platform automatically and will remain valid.

East Suffolk's Amazing: Let's Keep It That Way!

East Suffolk Council Leader Caroline Topping is asking local people to take pride in where they live with the launch of a brand new campaign: "East Suffolk's Amazing – Let's Keep It That Way!"

A cross-party working group of councillors is looking at different ways that we can all work together to maintain the beauty of East Suffolk, and this includes encouraging more residents to take active pride in their local area. This includes reducing fly-tipping, recycling properly and even, where possible, looking after the spaces outside residents' own property.

There is already an incredible network of volunteers who help keep our district beautiful, with regular litter-picks, planting, and an all-round effort to keep their local area clean. East Suffolk Council is encouraging more people to get involved and to really do their bit to keep East Suffolk Amazing.

The Council will support local communities and groups by lending out equipment for litter pick events, including hi-viz vests, litter pickers, bags and bag hoops. A range of information about how communities can get involved in schemes, as well as a range of tips and advice, can be now found online.

Appendix II – Cllr Paul Collins, June Energy Report

1. TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

The Supreme Court rejected the TASC Ltd appeal stating that the case was not arguable. Further details of why they came to this conclusion are awaited as the bald statement is insufficient to satisfy the requirement for transparency of the judgement. This unfortunately means that this avenue of challenge, regarding the potable water supply and lack of environmental assessment is now closed and cannot be taken any further.

We have had further discussions with Richard Buxton (TEAGS solicitor) and our barrister about potential ways forward to challenge the Office for Nuclear Regulation regarding the Nuclear Site License. A Freedom of Information Request has been submitted to the ONR and we await their response.

We attended Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Nuclear NGO meeting in London on 22nd May to discuss a variety of aspects of the Financial Investment Decision, Final Business Case and Value for Money assessments. It is almost certain the FID will not occur before the General Election although there was an opinion expressed that it could be made even whilst parliament is prorogued, and purdah is in effect. Subsequent correspondence seems to indicate such a move is now considered. We also raised some issues from residents regarding compulsory purchase and the Property Price Support Scheme.

We were also scheduled to meet with Minister Bowie early in the day, but this was cancelled late the previous day so he could attend an announcement at the Wylfa site on Anglesey to state that the site had been “earmarked” for the next large GW reactor project following SZC.

Of course, the Wylfa site has been on the EN6 “potential nuclear sites” list since the late 1980’s, along with Hinkley Point and Sizewell (amongst others) and was subject to an initial proposal from Hitachi to install Westinghouse reactors on the site, but they pulled out citing lack of government financial support despite both the UK and Japanese governments committing to an equity stake in the project. The other reason not alluded to as potentially problematic, was that PINS had already expressed concern over the project regarding impacts on a local tern colony and were about to recommend refusal.

According to press reports, there are three potential developers that appear to be interested in Wylfa, a consortium including Bechtel and Westinghouse (who would effectively continue the original proposal and have been talking to government for some years), Kepco (Korean nuclear developer who seem to have been courted by DESNZ over the past 12 months or so – they were also talked about as a replacement developer for the Toshiba development at Sellafield which collapsed at about the same time as the Wylfa Hitachi DCO was withdrawn) and EDF (with another pair of EPRs). The site has also been mooted for SMRs, but that will be subject to the SMR competition being held by Great British Nuclear.

So, the reality is this was an empty announcement, as the site had always been on the list of development sites and as there is no definitive proposer at this time, “earmarking” it is meaningless as it has been “earmarked” for around 36 years already. Perhaps the reality that SZC will not reach FID during this parliament, as promised over many years, that the Secretary of State and Minister Bowie felt this would offset that failure to deliver.

A response to the Discharge of Requirement 10 - [DC/24/1680/CCC](#) – County Council Consultation - [SCC/0045/24/DOR](#) – Discharge of Requirement 10 – Public rights of way in respect of Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station, has been submitted by Stop Sizewell C, Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group and on behalf of the Parish

Council to request an increase in the proposed width of the temporary PROW in front of the SZC site, at the beach, to ensure the Sizewell Park Run is able to continue. This was due by 27th May, so was submitted without reference to the Council and is given below:

“Dear Mr Nunn and East Suffolk Planning,

On behalf of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council, Stop Sizewell C and Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group we object to the Public Rights of Way Discharge of Requirements SCC/0045/24/DOR on the basis that the proposed path simply does not meet the needs of the existing users of the PROW in front of the proposed Sizewell C development.

Users include families with buggies, horse riders and more particularly the Park Run organisation and participants who have been involved in this well attended event for over 5 years, an event that is supported by local surgeries, East Suffolk Council, and Sizewell B.

The proposed 1.5m path, whilst it may fit the definitions of a footpath simply does not reflect either the loss of the current access which has vehicular capabilities, nor does it allow the contraflow of runners to pass easily as returning Park Run participants wishing to pass those still on the outward leg.

The path should reflect the needs for both of the above as well as those families with buggies out for a walk with their family.

Please ensure that a path at least 3.0m wide is created to ensure that the extended closure of the current path and vehicle track are properly mitigated instead of the minimal proposal that is currently being proposed by Sizewell C.”

2. Energy Projects Cumulative Impact Group and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

We need to consider the constitution and decide whether we agree with it as an appropriate operating mechanism.

3. B1122 planning discussions and SZC Deed of Obligation Forums

A second NTF meeting was held on 8th May, and both the Sizewell Link Road and the new main site roundabout at the top of Eastbridge Lane seem scheduled to be started in the 2025. Further details and schedules will be made available later this year.

It is still unclear when the various new Early Years speed limits and village gateways etc. will be implemented. SZC indicated their implementation would be dependent upon traffic volumes. A further meeting was held with the B1122 Early Years parishes and updated plans were discussed. Following the last Parish Council we agreed to shelve the 20mph speed limit for Theberton as SZC are now committed to average speed camera installations along the B1122 from Yoxford to Lovers Lane junction.

No further progress has been made in starting the formal process to have a 30mph speed limit in Eastbridge but I have messaged both SCC Highways and SZC to try to get this process started.

SZC have agreed to attend the 12th June Parish Council meeting to present the B1122 Early Years plans and discuss the average speed camera installation. As I will not be available, we have asked if that meeting can be postponed by a week, and we arrange a special meeting just to cover that briefing with the Council and residents.

4. Scottish Power DCO Judicial Reviews

The SASES JR was heard in early December and was lost. An appeal has been made to the Supreme Court.

A result is awaited for the SEAS JR hearing heard between 13th and 15th February.

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

No further updates are available at this time.

6. Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further information at this time.

7. Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

No further updates are available at this time.

Appendix III – Community Council Meeting Minutes, 3rd of June 2024

Minutes of Theberton and Eastbridge Community Council Meeting held in Jubilee Hall Date: Monday 3rd June 2024 Time: 6pm

Present: Shell Moulton, Ruth Brown, Angie Buxton-King, Sally Ginger, Steve Nicholls (Chair)

Apologies: Andy Hall, Ruth Sawyer

Guests: Simon Ilett and Nick

- **First item on the agenda**

Simon Ilett and Nick Cooper were invited to the meeting to discuss the complaint received regarding a clash of bookings at the hall and to plan the best way to avoid further problems going forward.

All present agreed that the volunteers group that Simon manages was a very good thing but careful management was needed to ensure that double bookings be avoided going forward. Next date for the group to help the church is planned for the **22nd June 09.30-16.00** with access to the toilet facilities being made available to the volunteers at the hall, unless the hall receives a booking in the meantime. Should this happen Maggie or Steve to Inform Simon as soon as possible.

Summary: Communication will be the key to avoiding future problem.

Simon and Nick left the meeting

Minutes of last meeting: 8th May 2024 - Approved and signed by Chairman SN

Chair's Report: Covered by this agenda

Treasurer's Report: Covered by this agenda

Past events / Upcoming events

Summer Fun Day: Saturday 15th June Time: 12 - 4 pm

- Steve to produce a stall plan.
- Burger stand:
 - Consumables. Napkins, sauces, burgers, hotdogs (Swiss farm), Rolls, Vegetarian option
- CC and other stalls:
 - Jewellery stall
 - Woodcraft stall
 - Craft stall
 - Booze booth:
 - Spirits to be purchased (look for local discount offers)
 - Burger stand;
 - Burgers & hotdogs (Swiss farm), Rolls, Cheese slices, Frozen onions, Vegetarian options, sauces, napkins.
 - Beer stand:
 - Source beer / larger / cider
 - Strawberries & Prosecco
 - Purchase strawberries, prosecco, Wine, Squash.
 - Coconut shy
 - Coconuts to be sourced. (Peasenhall Village shop)
 - Bowling for a pig
 - Adult / Child prize
 - Bean bag game
 - Child prize (confirm stock held in shed 1)
 - Ice cream van
- **50th Anniversary Celebration Saturday 7th September from 12.00**

SN to produce poster / free beer and free wine will be available bring a plate to share

Matters Arising:

Cottage /Hall

1. Solicitor's advice to be sought by (SN) on the tenancy agreement with updated terms of tenancy required.
2. The new website is pending a review from (SN) and Honor before being launched. It will aid communication if this can be actioned as soon as time allows.
3. Plug in Suffolk...no update as yet
4. Maggie to be asked to water and take care of the hanging baskets outside of the hall

NatWest

- Nat West account has now been closed and £1881 pounds transferred into the Santander account

Barclays

- Barclays account is functioning well

➤ **Santander**

Further details needed before all the paperwork is in order

➤ **Costco card**

Requires an individual to open an account for the hall to benefit. It was agreed to not progress the idea further.

AOB:

➤ **Parish Council Rep**

Sadly Hilary has had to resign from the Parish Council (PC) due to personal matters. The PC will try to send a representation to TCC meetings.

➤ **Carpet bowls mat**

Julie Glenn had asked trustee (CW) if it was possible to make access easier to the chest that houses the bowls mat making it more user friendly for players.
(SN) will look into it.

Meeting Closed: 19.53.

Date of Next CC Meeting: Wednesday 17th July Time: 6.00

Appendix IV – Speed Indicator Device Report, June 2024

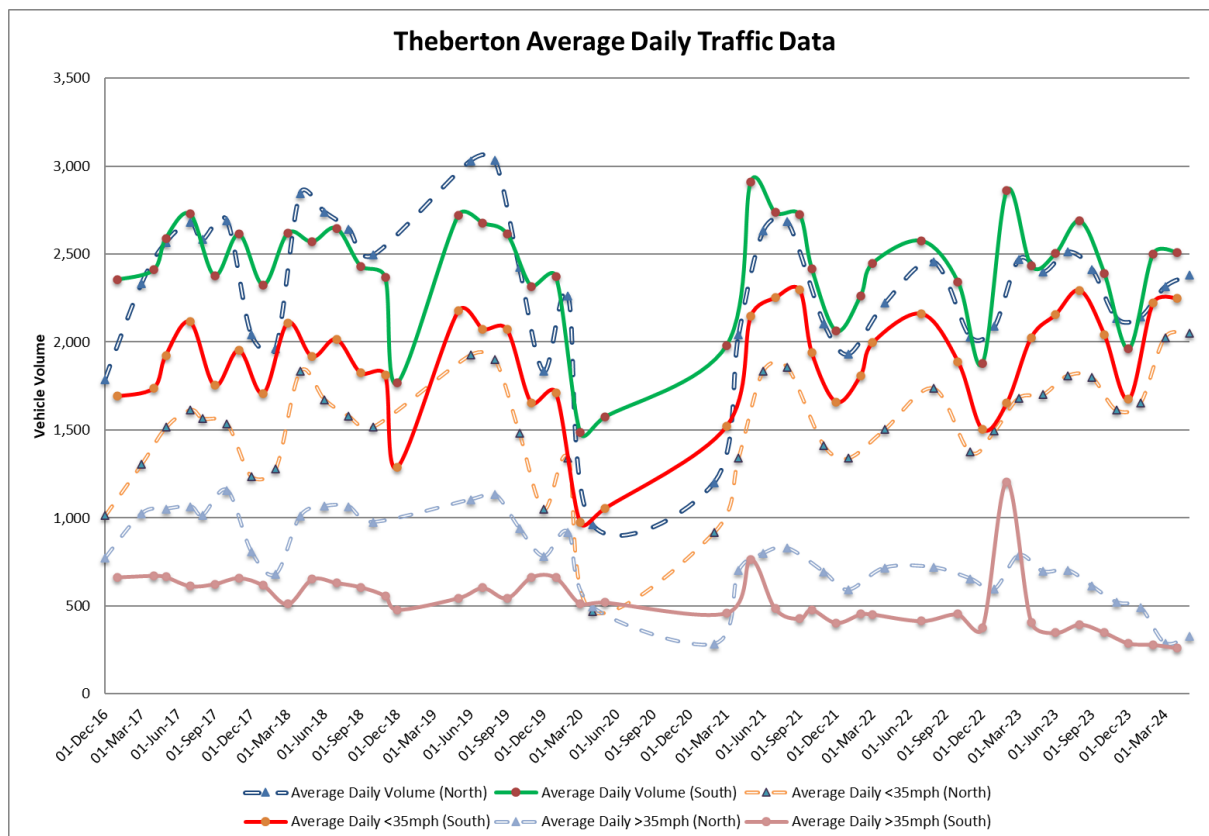
Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 12th June 2024

The speed indicator device has been operational for seventy-seven ~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 **33.8%** from north and **22.3%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is **39.5mph** from North and **37.3mph** 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. As this was halfway through the monitoring period, there is a small noticeable effect on the average daily traffic data this month for vehicles coming from the north, but next month should show a more marked effect in the traffic data coming from the south.



| SID Start Date | 17-Jun-23 | 18-Jul-23 | 17-Aug-23 | 22-Sep-23 | 16-Oct-23 | 16-Nov-23 | 15-Dec-23 | 14-Jan-24 | 13-Feb-24 | 14-Mar-24 | 13-Apr-24 | 13-May-24 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Average Daily Volume (North) | | 2,513 | | 2,414 | | 2,135 | | 2,144 | | 2,314 | | 2,380 |
| Average Daily Volume (South) | 2,504 | | 2,688 | | 2,392 | | 1,962 | | 2,502 | | 2,509 | |
| Total Vehicles (North) | | 47,740 | | 45,863 | | 40,570 | | 40,738 | | 43,972 | | 40,455 |
| Total Vehicles (South) | 42,564 | | 51,079 | | 47,830 | | 37,029 | | 50,033 | | 47,664 | |
| Total Vehicles <35mph (North) | | 34,371 | | 34,203 | | 30,668 | | 31,402 | | 38,488 | | 34,863 |
| Total Vehicles <35mph (South) | 36,660 | | 43,580 | | 40,856 | | 31,604 | | 44,437 | | 42,716 | |
| Total Vehicles >35mph (North) | | 13,369 | | 11,660 | | 9,902 | | 9,336 | | 5,484 | | 5,592 |
| Total Vehicles >35mph (South) | 5,904 | | 7,499 | | 6,974 | | 5,425 | | 5,596 | | 4,948 | |
| Average Daily <35mph (North) | | 1,809 | | 1,800 | | 1,614 | | 1,653 | | 2,026 | | 2,051 |
| Average Daily <35mph (South) | 2,157 | | 2,294 | | 2,043 | | 1,674 | | 2,222 | | 2,248 | |
| Average Daily >35mph (North) | | 704 | | 614 | | 521 | | 491 | | 289 | | 329 |
| Average Daily >35mph (South) | 347 | | 395 | | 349 | | 287 | | 280 | | 260 | |
| 85th percentile speed North (mph) | | 38.3 | | 38.0 | | 37.7 | | 37.4 | | 34.4 | | 34.8 |
| 85th percentile speed South (mph) | 34.8 | | 34.9 | | 34.9 | | 34.9 | | 34.2 | | 33.8 | |
| % <35mph (North) | | 72.0% | | 74.6% | | 75.6% | | 77.1% | | 87.5% | | 86.2% |
| % <35mph (South) | 86.1% | | 85.3% | | 85.4% | | 85.3% | | 88.8% | | 89.6% | |
| % >35mph (North) | | 28.0% | | 25.4% | | 24.4% | | 22.9% | | 12.5% | | 13.8% |
| % >35mph (South) | 13.9% | | 14.7% | | 14.6% | | 14.7% | | 11.2% | | 10.4% | |

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

Appendix V – Police Crime Report, April 2024

