

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024 AT 7:00 PM.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

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

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
Cllr. Hilary Ward – Vice Chair- Apologised
District Cllr. Tom Daly

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 – arrived at 7.30pm

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

3. 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 announcing that he had approved the grant from the locality budget towards Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council's requirement for a replacement B1122 noticeboard. Cllr. Stephen Brett thanked County Cllr. Richard Smith on behalf of the Council and the community.

County Cllr. Richard Smith announced that LionLink is likely to come ashore at Walberswick despite a huge written response from residents of Walberswick opposing the landing site. He continued to explain that the County Council will be debating the motion at a live webcast on Thursday 21st March at 2pm to discuss the fairness and just response to the consultation.

- c) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

Sarah Whitelock joined at 7.30 pm and presented the East Suffolk Council March Parish Report attached as **Appendix I**.

Cllr. Stephen Brett asked District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock her views with regards to the ongoing Energy Projects Consultations in East Suffolk. District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock encouraged the Parish to continue to respond and work with the consultation processes of the various projects.

Cllr. Graham Ward highlighted the current works at Theberton Woods on Pretty Road and expressed his concern over the workers leaving branches and debris on Pretty Road making driving conditions very dangerous.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock advised that the issue should be highlighted to Forestry England in the first instance.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Forestry England on behalf of the Parish Council with regards to safety concerns of Pretty Road during planned Ash dieback works.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting on 14th February 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2024 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- b) Matters arising.

None.

5. Planning

- a) Proposed Neighbour Plan Saxmundham Area, Consultation Open until 5th April 2024.

Cllr. Robert Flindall reported that the Saxmundham Neighbourhood Plan intends to extend the Saxmundham Area to include the entire Parish. County Cllr. Richard Smith added that the intent to extend was agreed by Benhall Parish Council to border the A12 and therefore allow the new housing estate at Benhall to not be split between two Parishes. Cllr. Robert Flindall offered to respond appropriately to the Consultation ahead of the 5th of April deadline.

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to review Proposed Neighbour Plan Saxmundham Area, Consultation and put together a response to be agreed by the Council ahead of 5th April.](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to request further information to allow Parish to raise views on the Moat Road Planning Application.](#)

6. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

- a) Suffolk's Local Transport Consultation, deadline 6th of May 2024.

Cllr. Bob Flindall volunteered to research the Suffolk's Local Transport Consultation and report back to the Council during the next meeting ahead of the deadline of the 6th of May 2024.

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to review Suffolk's Local Transport Consultation and put together a report ahead of April meeting.](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to add Suffolk's Local Transport Consultation to April's agenda.](#)

- b) Platinum Heritage Trail.

Cllr. Stephen Morpheu summarised the Project Plan and actions put together by the Platinum Heritage Trail focus group. He highlighted that finding suitable high resolution imagery and suitable locations for boards could be difficult as there is very little common land in the Parish and that reducing the amount of information boards on the trail to one in Theberton and one in Eastbridge may be the best route forward.

Cllr. Robert Flindall suggested QR codes on the Platinum Heritage Trail may be a good way to support the trail and enable additional information to be included.

[ACTION: Clerk to locate the East Anglia black and white footage of the Parish by speaking with residents to aid Platinum Heritage Trail.](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to confirm another Platinum Heritage Trail meeting.](#)

c) Community Council.

The Community Council report from their meeting held on the 6th of March is attached as **Appendix II**.

d) Police Crime Report.

The Police Crime Report for November 2023 is attached as **Appendix III**.
There were no crimes to report in January 2024 for Theberton and Eastbridge.

e) Speed Indicator Device.

The Speed Indicator Report for March 2024 is attached as **Appendix IV**.

f) Theberton Playing Field.

No items to discuss.

g) Village Noticeboards Refurbishments and East Suffolk Council Grant Update.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Suffolk County Council Funding had been granted for funds towards the noticeboard however an update with regards to the East Suffolk Council grant had not yet been received.
Cllr. Stephen Brett volunteered to obtain further quotes for replacement noticeboards to present to the Council.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to obtain noticeboard quotes for review by the Council.](#)

h) The Village Hall Broadband – Ongoing Complaint.

The Clerk summarised the ongoing Communication Ombudsman complaint adding that the Direct Debit had still not been completed by XLN and therefore manual monthly payments must still be made.

i) Eastbridge Common, dead Silver Birch.

The Clerk presented the three quotes obtained from local arborists to fell and remove the dead Silver Birch from Eastbridge Common. The Council conferred over the three quotes from Lee Wright, First Cut Trees and Paul Bush to complete the required works.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed to instruct Paul Bush as the most cost effective option to complete the felling of the dead Silver Birch at Eastbridge Common. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to instruct Paul Bush to commence works on Eastbridge Common, dead Silver Birch.](#)

j) To review costs for maintenance of parish assets including tractor oil, diesel and strimming.

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that almost all the maintenance items had been purchased and will be ready to be reviewed at the April Parish Council Meeting.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to finalise maintenance costs of parish assets.](#)

k) Plug In Suffolk Application.

The Clerk informed the Council that Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council's Application had been successful in being submitted to the next stage and added to the tender list. A further update will be due in May 2024.

l) Eastbridge Playing Field Inspection.

The Clerk summarised the recent Eastbridge Playing Field Inspection Report which concluded there were no urgent remedial actions required.

m) Defibrillator training course at Theberton Village Hall, 6pm on 4th of April 2024.

The Council discussed the date of the Community Heartbeat Defibrillator training session and decided that it would be best to move the session until further into May to allow more time to advertise the Session to residents on noticeboards and in the monthly newsletter. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to amend Defibrillator training course at Theberton Village Hall to a May date to allow more time to advertise the event.

ACTION: Clerk to inform newsletter publisher of village newsletter of confirmed training course date and produce posters.

n) Strategic Objectives.

Cllr. Robert Flindall referred to the Strategic Objectives which has been circulated with the Council. He advised the next steps of the project would be to agree the objectives and publish on the Parish Council website and to be reviewed at regular intervals to help prioritise projects going forward.

ACTION: Clerk to add Strategic Objectives at priority place on Clerk/Councillor Reports for final review.

o) Outstanding Actions List.

The Clerk summarised the outstanding actions list and highlighted the deteriorating road signage in the Parish encouraging the Council to submit photos of signage that requires attention.

ACTION: Clerk to continue to circulate actions list and uncompleted actions.

7. Energy Projects

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

Cllr. Paul Collins summarised the Energy Projects Report for March 2024 which is attached as **Appendix IV**.

Cllr. Paul Collins began by reporting his findings from the recent 'Meet the Regulator' Forum he attended on the 12th of March where Sizewell C presented a current drone image of the site which showed severe flooding of the area, causing delays to construction. He reported that the pumping stations that belong to Sizewell B are planned to be used to pump the excess water out to sea as there is no natural way of correcting the floods on the construction site.

Cllr. Paul Collins announced that Sizewell C plan to recruit permanent Environment Agency staff member to oversee future environmental operations and decisions on the site.

A meeting in principle has been organised to be held at Snape Maltings to address Minister Bowie with local Parish NSIPS concerns.

Cllr. Paul Collins referred to the discussion in Theberton and Eastridge's February meeting with regards to the specific questions asked of District. Cllr. Tom Daly with regards to items 12 and 19 of the DCO and that a response was expected from East Suffolk Council imminently. He continued to explain that taking the issue through to the Scrutiny Committee would not be a possibility.

Cllr. Paul Collins referred to the open consultations for the Nautilus project and that in recent communications Ofgem had reported their findings in the project not being good value for money and therefore not a viable option as a future energy source.

b) To receive a report from the Sizewell C B1122 Resurfacing Briefing, 7th March.

Cllr. Paull Collins presented the A3 Plans received from Sizewell C with regards to the B1122 planning discussions. He continued to explain that he was in discussions with the Sizewell Team to attend Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council's next meeting to be held on the 10th of April 2024.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with Sizewell C with regards to work tracker, B1122 resurfacing and B1125 concerns and booking of campus presentation at April PC Meeting.

The B1122 resurfacing work is due to commence on the 18th of March 2024 however although the items appear on the work tracker, all the start and end dates appear to be the same therefore there is no schedule or update on which parts of the road will be completed and in what order.

c) To discuss questions to be submitted the Main Site Development Forum, deadline 22nd of March.

The Chair explained urged the Council to submit any questions they wish to be asked at the forum to the Clerk ahead of the deadline on the 22nd of March.

ACTION: Councillors to send questions ahead of Sizewell C forums for Clerk to formulate and submit to Sizewell C ahead of deadline.

8. Parish Matters

a) Eastbridge Common Track Maintenance, resident correspondence.

Cllr. Stephen Brett summarised the recent resident correspondence with regards to the track at Eastbridge Common and the invoice received for works instructed to take place by the resident.

The Council discussed the issue which they believed had occurred due to the intense high levels of rain which may have subsequently saturated the embankment where the Eastbridge Common Track meets Chapel Road causing water to travel down the track.

The Council concluded to assess the matter at Eastbridge Common and discuss at the next meeting as to which local authority the issue should be reported to.

ACTION: Councillors to assess Eastbridge Common flood mitigation.

9. Administration

a) To conduct the annual review and approval of the Asset Register.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the Asset Register.

ACTION: Clerk to resend Asset Register to councillors and publish on the parish website.

b) To conduct the annual review and approval of the Internal Controls Statement.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the Internal Controls Summary.

ACTION: Clerk to update Internal Controls Statement and publish on the parish website.

c) To conduct the annual review and approval of the Financial Regulations.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the Financial Regulations.

ACTION: Clerk to update Financial Regulations and publish on the parish website.

d) To conduct the annual review and approval of the LGA Model Councillor Code.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the LGA Model Councillor Code.

[ACTION: Clerk to update LGA Model Councillor Code and publish on the parish website.](#)

e) To conduct the annual review and approval of the S137 expenditure 2024-2025 at £10.81 per electorate.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the S137 expenditure 2024-2025 at £10.81 per electorate.

f) To approve the Community Infrastructure Levy Report for the financial year 2023-2024.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the Community Infrastructure Levy Report for the financial year 2023-2024.

[ACTION: Clerk to update Community Infrastructure Levy Report and publish on the parish website and submit to East Suffolk Council.](#)

10. 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 authorise the following payments:

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed the authorisation of the payments listed above. All in favour.

11. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 12th of February 2024 and 11th of March 2024 and take action as appropriate.

The Clerk summarised the above dated correspondence. The Council agreed that there were no other actions from the above dated correspondence.

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

No further questions to the Chair.

13. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 10th of April 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding
Parish Clerk
13th March 2024
Meeting ended at 9.05pm

Appendix I – East Suffolk Council March Parish Report

Article from East Suffolk Council for Aldringham and Thorpeness Parish

March 2024

Our Direction 2028

The Strategic Plan has been set by East Suffolk's GLI (Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent) Group and presents the council's key ambitions and priorities for the next four years. Our aim is to promote a bright, green, open, free, and fair future for all East Suffolk, and our priorities are:

Environmental Impact Sustainable Housing Tackling Inequalities Thriving Economy

We want to work with and empower communities and individuals to conserve what we love about our district, improve services where we need to and adapt to our changing environment - ensuring the district is in the best place possible in 2028.

In delivering this plan, we recognise the importance of the solid foundations that are critically important to any successful local authority. We will continue to provide excellent quality services for our residents and will always listen - engaging with you whenever possible.

Our Direction 2028 sets out the themes and priorities for East Suffolk Council across the next four years. However, it is also important that we are then seen to deliver against these priorities, ensuring real, tangible outcomes for all our communities.

Therefore, we will develop an action plan to measure exactly what we are doing and what we have achieved. It will be clear and transparent, reflecting our determination to make a genuine difference.

East Suffolk Council has announced its spending plans for 2024-25

East Suffolk Council will spend nearly £100million in 2024/25 delivering critical services for its communities, and projects to improve the district, as part of an ambitious four-year-plan.

The Council has confirmed a balanced budget for the year and committed to a net spend of £46 million for services such as planning and coastal management, environmental services, leisure, waste collection and parking.

In addition, a further £50 million will be invested in assets, services, housing and infrastructure in 2024/25 as part of the General Fund and Housing Capital Programmes.

Leader Cllr Caroline Topping said:

"The GLI administration at East Suffolk Council has a clear and bold plan to promote a bright, green, open, free, and fair future for all - and our budget for 2024/25 reflects that. We know that many people are facing difficulties, and our services can make a real difference.

"We are focusing on the inequalities that people face in East Suffolk, with a range of services dedicated to providing support for those most in need. We are raising funding for Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations, providing more money for Citizens Advice East Suffolk, and to Community Hubs which offer practical advice and support for a range of vulnerable residents.

"Improved housing is also a key priority and, along with the Housing Revenue Account, our budget commits to supporting safe, suitable and sustainable homes, delivering affordable and sustainable housing as opportunities arise.

"Naturally, we are committed to delivering positive climate, nature and environmental impacts – which will also benefit and enhance our long-term financial stability. This includes a commitment to fund a range of different initiatives such as our Cycling and Walking Strategy and ongoing financial support for the delivery of the Council's commitment to net zero by 2030.

"This budget also looks to ensure that our economic development and regeneration activity enables residents of East Suffolk to benefit from and contribute to a thriving economy but with a sustainable approach at its heart."

Around 40% of East Suffolk's critical services are funded by Council Tax and the total amount paid specifically to East Suffolk by each household will increase by 2.98%. However the Council only receives around 8.8% of each Council Tax bill, with the remainder going to Suffolk County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk and Town & Parish Councils.

Cllr Topping continued: "If we are to set a balanced budget, while delivering such a wide range of vital services which benefit all our communities and businesses, Council Tax is a critically important element. It funds a large proportion of our net budget requirements, and with rising costs, set against a limited funding provision from central government, a rise is unavoidable.

"However, the proportion of total Council Tax which we receive for the services we deliver remains very small. For a Band D property, the proposed increase equates to an increase of just £5.40 per household for the entire year – and yet, it will help generate a fraction under half a million pounds of additional income for East Suffolk, which will be invested into the services that matter most to our communities."

Local Council Leaders warn of 'catastrophic effect' of Suffolk County Council Budget plans

The Leaders of Suffolk's district and borough councils have warned of "a catastrophic effect on hundreds of Suffolk's most vulnerable residents" should proposals contained within Suffolk County Council's Budget for 2024/25 be agreed.

Cllr John Ward (Babergh), Cllr Caroline Topping (East Suffolk), Cllr Neil MacDonald (Ipswich), Cllr Andrew Mellen (Mid Suffolk) and Cllr Cliff Waterman (West Suffolk) have written to the County Council, expressing their grave concern with the proposed changes to Housing Related Support (HRS); a temporary housing scheme which assists people in the care of Suffolk's Social and Children's Services.

HRS is a model which helps individuals learn the skills needed to live independently prior to rehousing by district and borough councils, and it is a vital part of the pathway to prevent or relieve homelessness. However, Suffolk County Council now intends to remove all funding, and decommission the scheme by March 2025, having signed a five-year contract with support providers only just over a year ago.

In the letter sent to Suffolk County Council, the Leaders have urged the authority to work with district and boroughs, and to reverse this decision, which they believe does not consider the longer-term impacts - not just on the county's most vulnerable people, but on the budgets that this approach will supposedly relieve. They wrote:

"The Housing Related Support service provides over 700 accommodation places, delivered through multiple specialist providers. These specialist providers, many of whom are charities, provide support to tenants to help them live independently. This service is not available via any other route, and we understand that there is a waiting list of around 400 people.

"The client groups for Housing Related Support are amongst the most vulnerable in Suffolk. They include 16- and 17-year-olds who have no family with whom to live, 18-year-old care-leavers and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. They also include young people who are also parents. Without your supported accommodation, many of these children and young people will add further pressure to your Children and Young People Services budget.

"Clients also include adults with mental health conditions or learning disabilities, a history of drug or alcohol dependency, or those being released from prison. It's likely that the lack of supported housing for these individuals will place additional pressure on your other Adult and Community Services budgets.

"If people who previously qualified for Housing Related Support, are left without accommodation then rough sleeping will increase. We know that this will impact on these vulnerable people's health, that they are more likely to begin or continue substance misuse, and to suffer from mental health issues. The impact of this will increase demand on other County Council services which are already stretched.

"We recognise that times are tough and that difficult decisions need to be made. But we believe that a decision to end Housing Related Support is short-sighted and will haunt Suffolk County Council in years to come as the implications come to fruition."

Free meals and holiday activities this Easter ONLY INCLUDE THIS IF THE NEWSLETTER GOES OUT BEFORE EASTER

Cooking, theatre, sport, film-making and outdoor adventure are just some of the free activities on offer during the school holidays across East Suffolk this Easter.

Numerous organisations across the district are providing fun activities and food as part of a programme of experiences for children and young people over the coming weeks. There are 38 programmes on offer with over 3,600 places available to be booked.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Government, which provides over £200million per year for a three-year programme of enriching activities for children and young people, particularly those in receipt of free school meals. The HAF programme is coordinated by Suffolk County Council and delivered locally by East Suffolk Council.

Holiday activities are varied and can introduce young people to new experiences and skills, from dance and drama to cooking and film making, as well providing opportunities for physical and social activity.

In Suffolk, the programme is targeted at those eligible for benefits-related free school meals, and other vulnerable children, or those with additional needs who would benefit from accessing the programme.

Each funded holiday activity also offers a free meal and places are redeemed by eligible families through the booking system Eequ. Families can select the programmes and dates they wish to attend, and which young people will be attending. The booking system will ask about HAF eligibility, and the booking will be reviewed and approved by the HAF Team at Suffolk County Council.

Our Customer Services team is available to support anyone needing help completing the online booking form. The team can be called on 03330 162000.

**Minutes of Theberton and Eastbridge
Community Council Meeting held in Jubilee Hall
Date: 6th March 2024**

Present: Shell Moulton, Ruth Brown, John Keeble, Angie Buxton-King, Andy Hall, Ruth Sawyer, Sally Ginger

Apologies: Steve Nicholls, Hilary Ward (PC)

Minutes of last meeting: 7th February 2024 - Approved and signed by Vice Chairman SM

Chair's Report: Covered by this agenda

Treasurer's Report: Covered by this agenda

Past events / Upcoming events

Jumble sale: Saturday 2nd March 11am - 1.30pm

Event went well –less people that last time but a good profit made of £290.40 -SM

Spring Quiz: Saturday 6th April 7 pm - 1030

- £5.00 per table of 6
- 10 tables – 6 tables booked so far
- Chris may not be around to be quiz master and we also need a scoring assistant
- Food Platters- discussion took place which will be finalised at our next meeting pre quiz night but usual platters will be prepared by the committee as follows
- RB –Ham, RS Egg, SM, tuna, ABK cheese and tomato, JN cheese and onion
- 4 PM on the afternoon of the 6th of April set up-volunteers needed

Village Hall Maintenance Day: Saturday 13th April 2024

- Andy to produce a list of internal & external tasks by priority.
 - Steve to source scaffold via Mark K for spotlight lamp changes in the hall.
 - Shell to request volunteers on the villages' Facebook page.

Open AGM: Date: Wednesday 17th April Time: 6.30 - 8.30

- Public notice of the meeting to be advertised on the notice boards by 27th March 2024

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)

Matters Arising:

Cottage /Hall

- John Lytton will begin the work on the roof of the cottage on the 18th of March –Maggie has agreed date is convenient for her
- Second meeting with Maggie the Caretaker 19th March
- Solicitor advice will be sought on the tenancy agreement once we have gathered together relevant information
- Cottage boiler service - AH to confirm with the Maggie when the system has fuel in place to facilitate carrying out the service
- Hall boiler repair quotes – AH quotes were obtained and the committee voted on a decision to make the repair of the diverter valve and to apply for a new boiler grant later in the year
- 5-year electrical test. £250 plus VAT for a 5-year test and £150 plus VAT for a fire alarm test that needs to be carried on annually AH quotes were voted on and unanimously agreed –AH to contact the contractor to proceed
- Fencing quotes voted on and agreed unanimously- RB to talk to the contractor
- The new website pending an update for the launch date from Suffolk One.

NatWest

- RB advised that the Nat West account has now been closed by NW due to them not receiving the requested information from the previous Hall Management Treasurer. We now need to recover £1881 pounds from that account...

Barclays

- Barclays account appears to be functioning well

Santander

- Mandate update form completed and sent to the bank – SN/RB

Charity Commission

- Accounts need to be filed online

AOB:

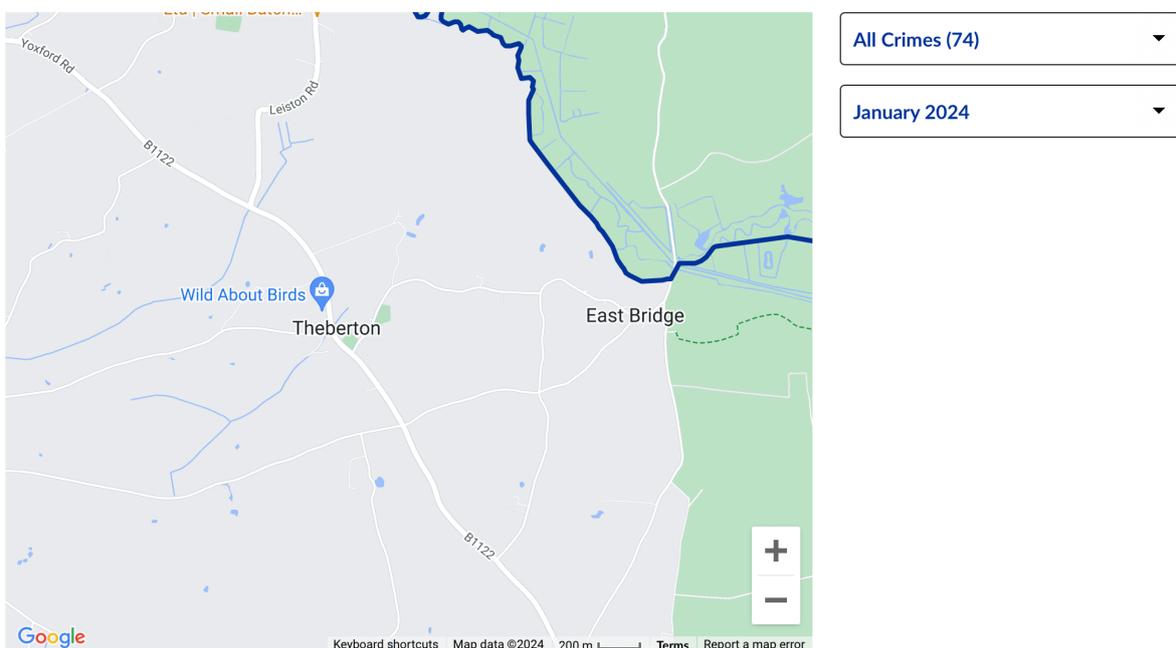
50th Anniversary Celebration

- SN has suggested we might like to plan a celebration for the hall in the month of September

Meeting Closed: 8 pm

Date of Next CC Meeting: Thursday 4th April 2024 Time: 6.00

Appendix III – January Police Crime Report



Appendix IV – Speed Indicator Device Report March 2024

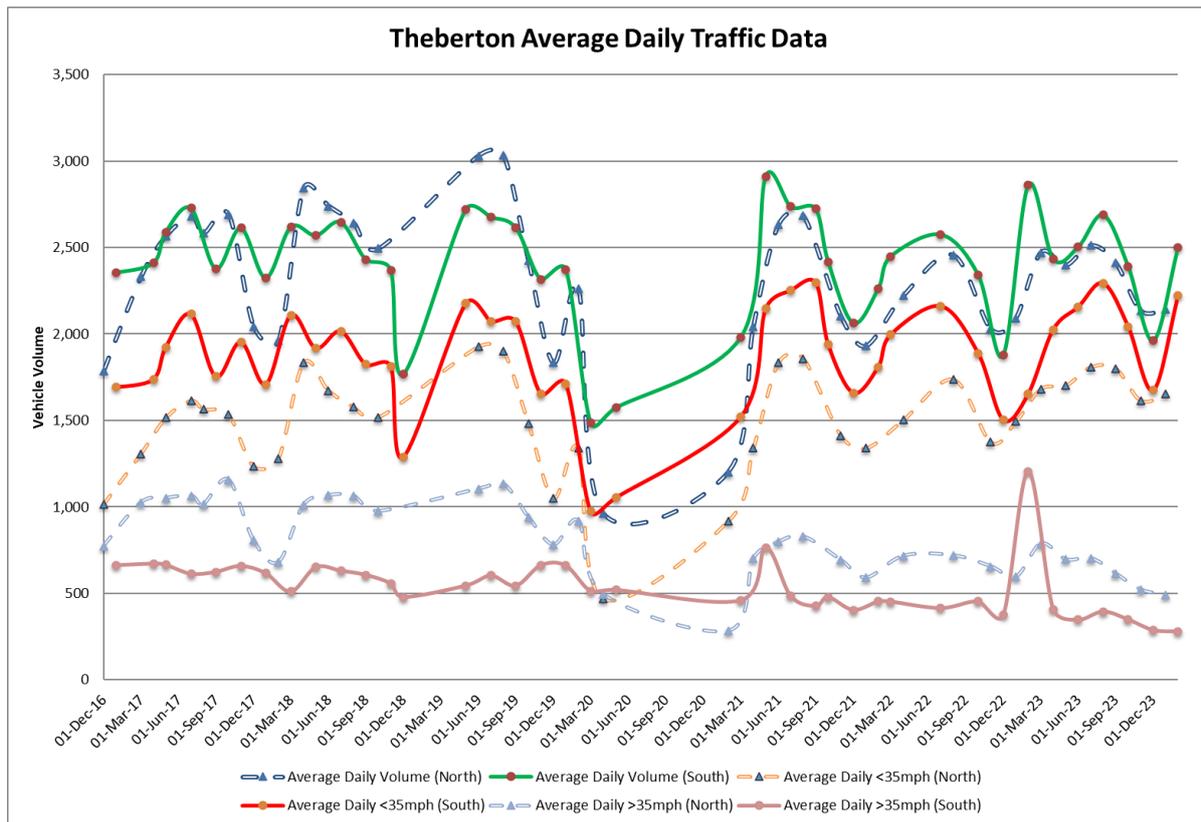
Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 13th March 2024

The speed indicator device has been operational for seventy-four ~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 **35.1%** from north and **22.6%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is **39.8mph** from North and **37.4mph** from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.

At the moment, no discernible increases can be observed due to Sizewell C Early Years which officially started when the Development Consent Order commencement was triggered on 15th January 2024.



SID Start Date	20-Mar-23	15-Apr-23	19-May-23	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
Average Daily Volume (North)	2,470		2,397		2,513		2,414		2,135		2,144	2,502
Average Daily Volume (South)		2,434		2,504		2,688		2,392		1,962		2,502
Total Vehicles (North)	46,937		45,543		47,740		45,863		40,570		40,738	50,033
Total Vehicles (South)		46,245		42,564		51,079		47,830		37,029		50,033
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)	31,971		32,329		34,371		34,203		30,668		31,402	44,437
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)		38,483		36,660		43,580		40,856		31,604		44,437
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)	14,966		13,214		13,369		11,660		9,902		9,336	5,596
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)		7,762		5,904		7,499		6,974		5,425		5,596
Average Daily <35mph (North)	1,682		1,702		1,809		1,800		1,614		1,653	2,222
Average Daily <35mph (South)		2,025		2,157		2,294		2,043		1,674		2,222
Average Daily >35mph (North)	788		695		704		614		521		491	280
Average Daily >35mph (South)		409		347		395		349		287		280
85th percentile speed North (mph)	38.9		38.6		38.3		38.0		37.7		37.4	34.2
85th percentile speed South (mph)		35.8		34.8		34.9		34.9		34.9		34.2
% <35mph (North)	68.1%		71.0%		72.0%		74.6%		75.6%		77.1%	88.8%
% <35mph (South)		83.2%		86.1%		85.3%		85.4%		85.3%		88.8%
% >35mph (North)	31.9%		29.0%		28.0%		25.4%		24.4%		22.9%	11.2%
% >35mph (South)		16.8%		13.9%		14.7%		14.6%		14.7%		11.2%

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

Appendix V – Paul Collins - Energy Report – March 2024

1. TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

We are awaiting a response to our appeal to the Supreme Court. Skeleton arguments were sent to the Supreme Court before the 16th January deadline.

TASC Ltd have sent a letter to East Suffolk Council through Leigh Day about the approval of Discharges of Requirements 12 and 19. We also continue to discuss with Richard Buxton (TEAGS solicitor) about potential ways forward with the Office for Nuclear Regulation regarding the Nuclear Site License and Coastal Defences.

Discussions with ONR on aspects of the coastal defences have come to a halt at the moment as they are unwilling to engage despite previous indications that they would be amenable to such discussions. We have pursued this with a response to their meeting refusal and we await a response.

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

We are still pressing for Minister Bowie to visit the area and meet with local councils. He pulled out of a meeting initially scheduled for 13th December and has yet to arrange another date.

Tim Beech at Snape Parish Council is in discussions with Andrew Bowie's office about some sort of "Town Hall" meeting for the local councils about all of the projects in the area.

AEPA arranged for a group of Town and Parish Councils to meet in a Zoom session on 7th March to discuss next steps in our approaches to Minister Bowie and DESNZ. A small subgroup is going to formulate a working plan for the group to ensure that we can meet our obligations as Parish and Town Councils.

3. B1122 planning discussions and Deed of Obligation Forums

Draft minutes for the Northern Transport Forum and Main Site Forum are awaited.

The annual SZC Forum is set for 9th April, the next Main Site Forum 16th April and next Northern Transport Forum 8th May which clashes with our May Parish Council meeting.

A meeting of the B1122 Early Years group was held on Thursday 7th March to give an update on the planned overnight closures of B1122 whilst the road resurfacing and other improvements are done. The road will be closed in sections from 19:00 to 06:00 each night but the closed portion will move as different sections are dealt with. A timetable detailing which section and when is expected to be available by Thursday 14th March. Access to residential and commercial properties will be maintained in the closed sections apart from the nights when new tarmac is being laid as time needs to be allowed for cooling before it can be used for traffic. Ironwork pit inspections will be done during the day to determine if remedial work needs to be done and this will require temporary traffic lights in the areas being inspected.

When asked when the various new Early Years speed limits and village gateways etc. would be implemented SZC indicated their implementation would be dependent upon traffic volumes. We expressed surprise at this especially considering the maximum early years traffic volumes were expected to be reached before Christmas this year. SZC said they would go back and provide dates and schedules for these changes.

Corrected plans for the B1122 and associated works and have been received but with one error still outstanding. SZC have provided two copies each of A3 versions of the plans and I await the corrected plan and one other plan (Onners Lane / Potters Street changes) to be provided in A3 and have asked that SZC attend our April meeting to discuss and answer questions on the plans. It would also be helpful if Steve Merry from Highways could attend, and I will ask if he is available. We should invite residents to attend that meeting if they want to see the plans and ask questions, before we formally accept them for implementation as part of the SZC B1122 Early Years plan.

As far as I am aware, no further progress has been made in starting the formal process to have a 30mph speed limit in Eastbridge.

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

LionLink has made its preferred on-shoring point to be either at Walberswick or Southwold, ignoring calls for coordination with Sea Link who's on-shoring location looks like being between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness. For LionLink, this means that the cable route to the converter stations, currently proposed for Saxmundham, would have to cross the Sizewell Link Road and would run somewhere behind Theberton to the West.

LionLink revived a "minded to" approval for LionLink from OFGEM stating:

- "This minded-to approval is conditional. To grant a regulatory regime in principle to LionLink, pursuant to the IPA decision, Ofgem must be reasonably satisfied that the outcomes of the negotiations on cost and revenue sharing will result in arrangements that are in the interests of GB consumers."

Nautilus has received a knock-back from OFGEM on account of their assessment that the project is not considered to be value-for-money. In their "minded-to" rejection for Nautilus, OFGEM states:

- "Reservations surrounding high constraint costs, and uncertainty regarding the project's total welfare to GB owing to its configuration."

Both decisions are now out for consultation until 24th April 2024.

6. Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further updates are available at this time.

7. Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

Sea Link on-shoring still set for between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness. No further information at this time.