

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. Disability Advice Services (DAS) Information Presentation covering how to claim relevant benefits.

Steven Race from the Disability Advice Services (DAS) began by explaining the services of DAS available to residents of East Suffolk to gain awareness for the charity.

The charity helps individuals with a diagnosed or an undiagnosed health issue claim available benefits from the Department of Work and Pensions. The service has over 2,420 clients and have helped claim over £3 billion this year. The Council were surprised to hear that claiming from the DWP can often exceed 12 months, leaving individuals without money for food and to pay their household bills. The charity often assists with providing food vouchers, mental health counselling and household budget training working alongside the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Anglia Care Trust and Home Start Services. The free service is provided by 10 staff, 8 of which are volunteers and are seeing a vast increase in applicants due to the current cost of living crisis.

Cllr. Stephen Brett thanked Steven Race for attending the meeting and assured him that Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council would support DAS by advertising the service to those in need through various channels.

ACTION: Clerk to put DAS Facebook, in newsletter, add DAS leaflets to village noticeboards and add a link to the DAS website on the Parish website.

ACTION: Clerk to send introduction between DAS Service and Cllr. Graham Ward

2. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

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

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
District Cllr. Tom Daly

Members of the public:

One member of the public was present.

In attendance:

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

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

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.

One member of the public was present.

- b) To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Cllr. Richard Smith began by discussing the local campaign to encourage communities to shop second hand goods at support charity shops this Christmas. County Cllr. Richard Smith expressed his concern with regards to increased taxes to shops and local businesses, the effect of the new National Minimum Wage and National Insurance Increases and encouraged people to be sympathetic to small businesses who rely on increased business during the festive period.

County Cllr. Richard Smith announced that Suffolk County Council yearly income has increased which has allowed the Council to balance their 2024/2025 budget. Work has commenced to devise the 2025/2026 budget which is due to be decided on 13th February 2025.

County Cllr. Richard Smith discussed The Local Government Reform plans which have been introduced by the Government and suggested that there is a possibility that Counties may join to form larger groups under the new Government.

County Cllr. Richard Smith referred to the scale and impact of multiple NSIPS in our region and that no reference to the Final Investment Decision for Sizewell C in the recent Chancellor's budget.

- c) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

District Councillor Sarah Whitelock summarised the East Suffolk Council November Report which is attached as **Appendix I**.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

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

Cllr. Hazel Collins brought agenda item 7.a) from the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd of October 2024 to the Councils attention explaining she had not yet applied to the Sizewell Community Fund. The Clerk agreed to make the necessary changes to be a true reflection of the conversation held.

ACTION: Clerk to make changes to the minutes from 2nd October 2024 and amend the wording under 7. A) and resubmit the minutes to the parish website.

ACTION: Clerk to add approval of 2nd October minutes to the 11th of December agenda.

- c) Matters arising.

None.

5. Energy Projects

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

Cllr. Paul Collins summarised the Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council November Energy Report attached as **Appendix II**.

Cllr. Paul Collins informed the Council that a date for the B1122 working group had been proposed, however himself and one other local representative were unable to attend.

ACTION: Clerk to write to SZC and suggest other date for B1122 working group.

A conversation was held with regards to the suggested method of ground freezing at the Sizewell C site and questioning its effectiveness in mixed saline water as a proposed method.

The recent Sizewell C Northern Transport Forum held a discussion on available housing grants available for homeowners to develop their properties into Housing of Multiple Occupancies. The Council were particularly concerned on the impact of additional vehicles per household and whether surveys and analysis would be completed to assess these issues.

County Cllr. Richard Smith advised that Wild About Birds, on the B1122 had announced its closure as a business due to decreased footfall since works at the Sizewell C Development Site had commenced.

Cllr. Paul Collins confirmed the SIID Device does not show a decrease in traffic through the village due to the additional SZC traffic increase. Therefore, other domestic and tourist traffic must have generally declined supporting the business' claims.

A conversation was held with regards to Sizewell C stickered vehicles using the route into Leiston via Knodishall which is not believed to be an agreed route. Cllr. Stephen Brett confirmed that the agreed routes are only a necessary condition for HGVs.

b) To consider signing letter in agreement to the SZC proposal for Speed Cameras B1122 and 30mph speed limit.

Cllr. Stephen Brett summarised the SZC proposal for Average 30mph Speed Limit and Cameras along the B1122 and the recent request by Sizewell C for Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council to sign a letter of approval of the plans.

The Council discussed the suggested 20mph and lack of enforcement of 20mph speed limits and discussed the impacts of both methods.

Cllr. Nat Bacon expressed concern of the 30mph average limit explaining it could negatively impact commuters and deter workers from wanting to be employed in the area.

A vote was held and the majority of the Council agreed to signing in agreement of introducing the Average 30mph Speed Limit and Cameras along the B1122.

ACTION: Clerk to send letter of agreement with regards to B1122 30mph average speed cameras to SZC.

Cllr. Graham Ward referred to the recent works marking that have appeared on the newly surfaced B1122 at the Church Road turning. Cllr. Stephen Brett confirmed that it was not intended works by Sizewell C and that it was likely to be a BT project.

ACTION: Clerk to email County Cllr. Richard Smith to request information with regards to markings on B1122 and 40mph speed limit on Lover's Lane.

6. Planning

a) To receive an update on Moat Road Planning Application DC/23/3712/FUL.

The clerk summarised the recent communications with regards to DC/23/3712/FUL Moat Road Planning Application.

b) To discuss Planning Application DC/24/3464/FUL, Peak Hill Farm.

Cllr. Robert Flindall summarised the planning application DC/24/3464/FUL, Peak Hill Farm requesting a change from the landowner's current 5 pitch Caravan Club Certified Location to a 10 pitch, year round caravan site.

It was proposed by Cllr Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Robert Flindall that there to be no objection from the Parish Council. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to submit no objection comment with regards to planning application DC/24/3464/FUL, Peak Hill Farm.

7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

a) Community Council.

The minutes for the Community Council Meeting held on the 9th of October 2024 and 6th November 2024 are attached as **Appendix III** and **Appendix IV**. Cllr. Daryl Ash plans to attend the Community Council meeting due to be held on 4th December 2024.

Volunteers scheme for assisting with events through community Council. Cllr. Robert Flindall explained the strategic objectives, work together to gain a list of volunteers.

Representative from Community Council suggested holding a biannual meeting between the Community Council and Parish Council to collaborate more effectively on community issues.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with the Community Council Chairman to discuss a Parish Volunteer Scheme and to initiate Parish and Community Council biannual meeting dates.

The Community Council have also agreed to hold set meeting dates taking place on the first Wednesday of each calendar month.

b) Platinum Heritage Trail.

Cllr. Stephen Morphey announced that progress had been made with a final layout, route and map for the Heritage Trail and hoped to present the first proof at the next Parish Council Meeting.

ACTION: Platinum Heritage Trail Focus Group to meet on 25th November 2024 at 2pm.

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

Cllr. Hazel Collins announced that the purchased trees are due to arrive in November.

Cllr. Stephen Brett discussed the new fence which is due to be erected on the border of the farmland and the Eastbridge Playing Field explain that the dead Elm trees will require to be felled to protect the longevity of the fence.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett & Cllr. Stephen Morphey to meet to discuss implications of tree felling along the Eastbridge Playing Field boundary.

The Council discussed applying to the Sizewell Community Fund to assist with purchasing of new trees and hedging for the boundary of Eastbridge Playing Field to provide additional wind protection.

d) Parish Website Update.

The Clerk informed the Council that the new website was live had been published online and invited the Councillors to provide feedback on areas where new content may be required.

The clerk referred to the discussion held at the meeting held on the 2nd of October 2024 where the Council voted and agreed to the transitioning the website to a .gov domain name and a .gov email address for the Clerk which is due to take place once the invoice had been authorised and paid. The Council reviewed the options of the new web address for the Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed that the new web address for the Parish Council website to be www.thebertonandeastbridge-pc.gov. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to inform CAS that the Council voted in agreement to change the Parish website to: www.thebertonandeastbridge-pc.gov.

e) Speed Indicator Device.

Cllr Paul Collins' October Speed Indicator Report is attached as **Appendix V**.

f) Village Hall Broadband.

The clerk informed the Council that she had submitted a further complaint to the Village Hall Broadband Provider XLN due to additional charges to the November invoice. The Clerk also informed the Council that the budget set aside for paying the broadband for the current tax year 2024/2025 had overrun due to not pursuing a payment of 50% from the Community Council as agreed in January 2024.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with the Community Council Chairman and arrange half payment of yearly broadband subscription fee.

g) Police Crime Reports for August and September.

The Suffolk Constabulary Police Crime Reports for August and September 2024 are attached as **Appendix VI** and **Appendix VII** respectively.

h) Theberton Playing Field Maintenance.

Cllr. Stephen Brett summarised the ROSPA Safety Report and that considerable works had been completed by Cllr. Nat Bacon to rectify the issues. Cllr Nat Bacon informed the Council that some of the rubber matting around the equipment may need replacing within the next 18 months.

ACTION: Clerk to find quotes for purchasing signage for the Theberton Playing Field Basketball Hoop.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with ROSPA requesting suitable upgrades for the 'rocking horse' footpegs.

i) Village Noticeboards.

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that the three new Village Noticeboards could be fitted as early as the end of November 2024.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with resident who owns house of B1122 noticeboards and ask which colour they prefer.

j) East Suffolk Council Walking, Cycling and Wheeling working group.

Cllr. Hazel Collins announced to the Council that she had applied to volunteer for the East Suffolk Council Walking, Cycling and Wheeling working group, however had not received a response as to whether she had been successful.

- k) NALC Salary Award 24/25.

The clerk announced the NALC recommended pay awards for the current year 2024/2025. The pay award would increase the hourly salary for SCP 13 from £13.97 to £14.60 per hour. Cllr. Stephen Brett proposed that due to the clerk performing the role for 18 months that the Council should consider a pay increase. Cllr Daryl As thanked the clerk for her works and commitment to the role within the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Daryl Ash and agreed that the Clerk's hourly pay rate should increase from SCP 13 to SCP 15 on the 1st of December 2024. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange pay increase to SCP 15 from 1st December and back date the rate of pay increase from 1st April 2024.

- l) Outstanding Actions List.

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

8. Parish Matters

- a) Forestry England attendance at Parish meeting.

Cllr. Stephen Brett confirmed that Stephen Wall had offered to attendance at Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council meeting due to be held on 11th December 2024 to present future plans for the Forestry England site on Pretty Road, Theberton, Theberton Woods. The Council agreed it would be beneficial to the Parish and the that the sessions should be advertised to all residents.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm Forestry England's attendance on 11th December Parish meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with Sizewell C with regards to presenting the development of the campus plans in January 2025.

9. Finance

- a) To note the latest financial position.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Morphey 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 budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Qtr. 2 2024/2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and it was agreed that budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Qtr. 2 2024/2025 to be a true record. All in favour.

- c) To approve the banking reconciliation for Qtr. 2 2024/2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and it was agreed that the banking reconciliation for Qtr. 2 2024/2025 to be a true record. All in favour.

- d) To discuss Precept Planning Projections 25/26 – deadline 27th January 2025.

The clerk informed the Council that a Precept Planning Projection for the tax year 2025/2026 would be presented at the next Parish Council Meeting due to impact of NALC Salary Award on next year's figures.

- d) To ratify the following payment:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Poppy Wreaths	Honor Houlding - Expenses	£40.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Play Equipment Inspection	ROSPA Playsafety Ltd	£127.20	PHA 1936 s. 87

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

- e) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£364.35	LGA 1972 s.112
Jubilee Hall Broadband **	XLN/Daisy Communications	£30.82	LGA 1972 s.111
Payroll Services	SALC	£54.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Website Hosting	Community Action Suffolk	£60.00	LGA 1972 s.142
.Gov Domain Hosting, Migration & Parish Clerk Mailbox	Community Action Suffolk	72.00	LGA 1972 s.142
Website Development	Community Action Suffolk	£500.00	LGA 1972 s.142

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

10. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 30th September 2024 to 11th November 2024 and take action as appropriate.

The Clerk summarised the above dated correspondence. The Council agreed that no further actions were required.

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

Cllr. Robert Flindall brought to the Council's attention that the pet food shop on B1122, Wild About Birds were planning to close the business.

ACTION: Clerk to add community shop or café on the agenda for 11th December 2024.

Cllr. Graham Ward mentioned the Theberton Village Sign on the Northern entrance to the village which has been broken for a significant amount of time. The Council discussed the Sizewell B1122 Early Year Plans to replace this entrance to the village with gateways in due course and therefore decided that further action via Suffolk County Council Highways Department was not required.

12. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 11th of December 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding

Parish Clerk

Meeting Ended at: 21.38

Appendix I – East Suffolk County Council November Report

East Suffolk Town and Parish Report

November 2024

East Suffolk residents urged to recycle their electricals via new kerbside collections trial

East Suffolk Council today unveils its plans for the kerbside collections of small electrical items in East Suffolk. The initial collections will begin later this month with the hope that 120,000 households in the local community will get behind its drive to recycle their electricals.

The new kerbside collections will enable residents to leave small electrical items on top of their wheeled bins on their usual bin collection day and items will then be collected by the refuse crew and taken away for recycling.

This is one of over 40 UK projects funded by Material Focus, the not for profit leading the Recycle Your Electricals campaign, who have provided £60,724 to support this project. East Suffolk Council are joining other projects around the country in making it easier for 10 million UK residents to recycle their electricals.

Trial electrical kerbside collections will be initially introduced on four collection rounds:

Covering parts of Lowestoft, Kessingland, Oulton, Pakefield, Carlton Colville, Wrentham and Worlingham in the north. Plus Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Rendlesham, Orford, Framlingham, Melton, Woodbridge, Wickham Market, Kesgrave, Felixstowe, Martlesham and Purdis Farm in the south.

The collections will then be rolled out across the remainder of the district over the next few months.

By May 2025, all areas of the district will receive these collections.

Electrical collections will take place at the same time as existing household waste or recycling collections. Collected items will be sorted for recycling or where appropriate, given to a local repair shed before selling the items to raise money for charity. Residents can leave up to 2 small electrical items out for collection each week. If the collection basket on the refuse vehicle is full, items may need to be collected the following week.

Residents will be made aware of how and where they can recycle their electricals through information on leaflets and on eye-catching social media featuring HypnoCat. Keep an eye out for HypnoCat, the Recycle Your Electricals mesmerising pink, fluffy mascot, who is on a mission to hypnotise local residents into recycling their electricals.

The aim of the nationwide Electricals Recycling Fund is to significantly reduce e-waste and its environmental impact by making it easier for consumers to recycle their electricals. The projects that have been funded by Material Focus include a variety of recycling methods, from kerbside collections to more drop-off points in schools, community centres, and bring banks. Overall there will be over 400 new collection points plus kerbside collections for 5.5 million UK residents.

Recycle Your Electricals research has shown that 80% of consumers believe recycling is a good thing, and many of us already recycle things like paper and plastic. Research has also shown that most of us have unwanted electricals we want to get rid of. On average there are at least 30 electricals hidden away in drawers in UK homes, a total of 880 million items across the UK - with a simple repair many could be donated or sold to people who could put them to good use. And yet 39% of people bin electricals, rather than recycle or reuse them leading to over 100,000 tonnes of electricals thrown away every year. The aim of these projects is to overcome these issues by making it easier to repair, donate or recycle electricals.

‘Circular Christmas’ campaign launched

East Suffolk Council is encouraging residents to re-use, reduce and recycle this festive season to help keep costs down and also help the environment.

A new 'Circular Christmas' campaign will promote shopping locally, sustainable gifting and recycling of festive waste from now until the New Year – to help people manage the expense of this holiday season and strengthen environmental awareness in East Suffolk.

The campaign, which will run across a range of East Suffolk Council online channels, is inspired by the circular economy model; a concept that involves producing, consuming, reusing and recycling materials for as long as possible to reduce the impact that single-use items have on the environment.

It will focus on ways that East Suffolk residents can make changes at Christmas time, including regifting, buying pre-loved, wrapping sustainably and reducing food waste.

'Circular Christmas' campaign

Residents are particularly encouraged to donate unwanted items to charity shops before the Christmas period begins, to give others the opportunity to purchase these items for their own gifting.

Cllr Sally Noble, East Suffolk's Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment, said:

"The Circular Christmas campaign gets to the heart of our aims and ambitions as a Council. In particular, it supports the delivery of positive environmental impacts and, with the cost of living remaining such an issue, we know that reusing or regifting can help ease the financial strain that the Christmas period can bring."

The campaign is intended to run beyond the festive period; developing a wider focus on how East Suffolk residents can save money on purchases whilst also being environmentally conscious and aware of the waste they are producing year-round. East Suffolk Council will also be making residents aware, through social media, of food hygiene standards when eating out this Christmas, as well as informing residents about bin collection day changes and what festive waste can be recycled in their bins at home.

Helping Alde Valley students start their day well

Students at Alde Valley Academy in Leiston are benefitting from a new breakfast club, providing food ahead of the school day to help improve their concentration and wellbeing.

The breakfast club, which is available to all students, has been funded by the Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham Community Partnership and by East Suffolk councillors Sarah Whitelock, Katie Graham and Tom Daly through their Enabling Communities Budgets.

It was identified that a number of students do not eat before coming to school and the breakfast club provides them with a filling breakfast to help them prepare for the day, improving their concentration, wellbeing and behaviour.

Research shows that breakfast clubs create a positive atmosphere, can improve attitudes towards the importance of a healthy breakfast and healthier food choices in general, and create a positive rapport between teachers and pupils. Schools with existing breakfast clubs report that children have improved attendance, attention, behaviour and levels of concentration and it has been suggested that breakfast club provision can also contribute to improved academic performance.

In a joint statement, Cllrs Whitelock, Graham and Daly said: "We are pleased to have supported the creation of the Alde Valley Breakfast Club. As well as providing students with a filling breakfast which positively impacts on their ability to learn and concentrate, the club also provides a safe, supportive space for students ahead of the school day where they can meet friends and speak with school staff if needed."

Rob Battle, Assistant Head Teacher at Alde Valley Academy said: "This investment in our breakfast club not only fuels our students but strengthens our community, giving every child the opportunity to thrive. This funding reflects the commitment of East Suffolk Council to promote health and education within our community. We look forward to continued collaboration and success as we work to ensure no child starts the school day hungry."

Whilst focusing on those registered for Pupil Premium, Breakfast Club is available to all students and operates from the school canteen prior to the school day, managed by school staff.

The club received funding of £4,680 from the Enabling Communities Budgets of Cllrs Whitelock, Graham and Daly, with further funding of £2,898 from the Community Partnership.

Appendix II – Cllr. Paul Collins November 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) has been scheduled at the High Court on 3rd December.

Skeleton arguments are due at the court by 26th November.

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 refusal to allow JR has also misunderstood the legal requirements of the act regarding the nuclear site license regulatory boundary.

The SZC applications for Discharge of Requirements 20 and 21 have been approved. The objections from the council in conjunction with Stop Sizewell C and Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group as well as from Together Against Sizewell C were rejected on the grounds that SZC only applied for discharge of requirements that were directly related to plans that were presented and approved in the DCO. ESC planning stated that should the commitments, that are part of the NSL granted by the ONR regarding additional sea defences, be required, then a further planning permission application would be required to enable such developments, by which time, refusing permission would simply not be an option.

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

A response letter to Secretary of State Ed Miliband and his ministers has now been sent regarding the cancelled meeting with Parish and Town Councils. The ESCEP steering group met on Monday 11th November to discuss a proposed Parish and Town Councils meeting in the near future hopefully with Department for Energy Security and Net Zero in attendance. The proposed meeting on 19th November was postponed and it is hoped that following our letter to the SoS, that progress can be made on the commitment that was apparent during the Conservative government. Following some questions about the ESCEP Constitution, some minor adjustments are being made and it will be renamed as a Terms of Reference which is more in keeping with its intent and scope. The updated document and details of the changes will be circulated shortly.

Anglia Energy Planning Alliance (which included a number of NGOs) has not met since before the Covid pandemic and plays no active role in the ESCEP. Victoria Hambly, who provided secretarial support for AEPA now provides that supporting role for ESCEP.

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.

The fourth Northern Transport Forum meeting was held on 6th November at Darsham Village Hall. As well as being shown drone footage of a flyover of the Temporary Construction Area (TCA) and the Ancillary Construction Area (ACA) on King George's Avenue, updates on the rail upgrades/Green Rail route, the two Park & Rides and the new Freight Management area/warehousing on the A14 were given.

The TCA flyover showed positions for the concrete batching plant and desalination plant were shown with the latter in a different position to that proposed during consultations and DCO examination. However, the new positioning is of little concern from an impact point of view.

The Project Planner showed that Eastbridge Road could be completely closed to enable services works by the various utility companies that supply Eastbridge residents and businesses for 2-4 weeks. However, Dave Peacop (SZC) assured the meeting that any closures would be overnight and that during the day traffic management would allow access from the B1122 down to Eastbridge. Further details will be provided to residents before any works take place. The slides for the NTF presentation can be found at [SZC-Northern-Transport-Forum-6-November-2024.pdf](#).

A new housing officer funded by SZC at ESC gave a presentation of the housing scheme that is targeting increasing availability of rooms for SZC workers. Grants of £3,000 per bedroom for owners wanting to let out spare rooms that require upgrading with wash basins etc will be made available and up to £7,000 per bedroom for houses that will be converted to Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs). I raised the issue of increased numbers of cars associated with such expansions of residency in areas like Leiston where the roads are narrow and have no opportunity to increase parking space. This has been a significant issue at Bridgewater for the Hinkley Point C development and asked if any applications for such grants will also include an assessment of the impact of additional cars needing to park at or close to such properties. This seems not to have been addressed but I was assured that they would take this into account going forward. There then ensued a fairly lively discussion about the negative impacts of HMOs, in particular, to areas where such conversions take place. There is also a scheme to attract holiday rental properties into the housing provision for SZC workers, although the need for the grants in these cases are unlikely to be needed. Further advertising of the schemes is due to take place shortly.

A significant number of grants of £309,843 have been made from the Community Fund first round including;

- Citizens Advice East Suffolk: £170,358
- Peasenhall Parish Council: £26,000
- Saxmundham and District CIC: £12,500
- Seagull Lowestoft: £64,615
- Young People Taking Action (CYDS): £19,036
- Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall: £30,000
- Easton and Letheringham Village Hall: £1,896
- Leiston Youth and Community Angling Society: £6,864
- Slaughden Sailing Club: £4,572

Round 2 closed on 6th October and results will be given in January, Round 3 is open until 19th January.

4. Scottish Power Wind Farms and Friston Substation

No further information at this time.

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

No further information this month.

6. Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

No further information at this time.

7. Solar Farms between Friston and Snape

No further information at this time.

8. Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further information at this time.

Minutes of Theberton and Eastbridge

Community Council Meeting held in Jubilee Hall

Date: 9th October 2024 Time: 6pm

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

Guest: Darryl (PC)

Apologies N/A

Minutes of the last meeting: 12th September 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

- **Jumble Sale** Saturday October 12th 11am-1pm
 - Very good response for donations Shell needs help to set up on Friday evening.
- **Halloween party** Saturday 26th October 2- 4 pm
 - Shell organising
- **Fireworks Display** Saturday 2nd November
 - Fireworks bought via credit note Sally to pick up. A discussion took place re amounts of foods etc to be bought in and offers of help were extended to Shell regarding shopping for the event
- **Quiz Night** Saturday November 23rd Quiz
 - A few bookings taken so far
- **Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree Festival** 7th & 8th December
 - Stalls in hand
- **Children's Christmas Party** Saturday 14th December

Next Year

- Saturday July 26th 2025 Flower and Produce show

Matters Arising:

Cottage /Hall

1. Plug in Suffolk... The survey has been carried out as planned and fast charge is available if sited in the carpark. Plans are available to the PC /CC on the Council website for further discussion but all agreed in principle that it would be useful to have a point for charging in the village
2. Speak to solicitors regarding tenancy agreement insert to move this matter forward (SN)
3. The new website is almost ready. Once this is live the Facebook page for the hall created by Chris (CW) can also be populated.
4. Carpet Bowls Box Sally (SG) after discussion it was agreed that the best option is to buy a new box to accommodate the request for easier access. Thanks to Sally for obtaining quotes from carpenters to facilitate this decision.
5. Hall Insurance done (SN) has agreed a better insurance policy and we are covered

AOB:

1. Entrance Door repairs: Sally (SG) to obtain a quote
2. Floor in Cottage repair: Quote to be sought from the builder who repaired the roof.
3. Inspection of cottage Steve (SN) to arrange a date with Maggie for Ruth & Angie to carry out an inspection to ensure the cottage is in a good state of repair.
4. All relevant documents are to be updated and put on headed hall paper to enable us to apply for possible funds available to us.

5. Darrell (PC rep) has suggested quarterly joint meetings to enable better communication between the Hall CC and the PC All agreed this was a good idea. (SN) to speak to Steve Brett to arrange.
6. Good neighbour scheme will not be ongoing. Perhaps if it is needed it can be brought back in the future. Thanks were expressed to Julia and co for their dedication to the scheme.
7. The 5-year fixed electrical test needs to be done. A vote was taken to action ASAP (AH) to arrange.

Meeting Closed: 19.30

Date of Next CC Meeting: Wednesday 6th November Time: 6PM

Appendix IV – Community Council Minutes – 6th November 2024

Minutes of Theberton and Eastbridge

Community Council Meeting held in Jubilee Hall

Date: 6th November 2024 Time: 6.30 pm

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

Apologies Steve Nicholls (SN)

Minutes of the last meeting: 9th October 2024 Approved and signed by Vice Chairman (SM)

Chair's Report read out by Vice Chair (SM) 'A massive thank you to all who assisted with the fireworks display. The event went extremely well and we sold out of BBQ! A special thanks goes out to Fred Ginger for his advice for setting off the fireworks, Dave Moulton for spending all day with me setting up, then creating the firing plan and subsequent ash removal on Sunday, and Julie Nicholls for helping out with the BBQ. I believe fun was had by all.

Treasurer's Report: Covered by this agenda

Past events

- **The Jumble sale** was a big success thanks to Shell and her mum Sally –in excess of £500 was made from the event –well done to all who arranged the event and helped on the day.
- **Fireworks Display** Saturday 2nd November was an excellent event. A discussion focussed on the careful planning needed for next year due to its popularity, more helpers are needed / car park marshals required and more food ordered for next year. (50) Health and safety guidance and insurance may need amending for next year. High Vis jackets are needed.

Upcoming events

- **Quiz Night Saturday, November 23rd 6.30 for 7pm start. Tickets £5 per head**
 - 6 tables of 6 booked so far.
 - Need volunteers, scorer, quizmaster, raffle prizes
 - Questions almost done
 - Check the shed for bottles of wine for the winning team
 - Sally has bobby prizes arranged.
 - Trays of sandwiches agreed to be made by committee members
Egg mayo, cheese and tomato, tuna, Crisps from Andy
 - Teams to bring their own drinks
- **Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree Festival Sat 7th & Sun 8th December 11-4pm**
 - Stalls in hand no space for any more

- We need more volunteers to help on the two days we can consider a rota if we have enough volunteers to do so.

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

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

Matters Arising:

Cottage /Hall

6. All agreed that the Tenancy agreement is ready for the solicitor to draw up (SN to action)
7. The new website is ready.. Steve(SN) has requested if anyone has pictures of past events please email them to him
8. Plug in Suffolk... Cluster agreement signed by all trustees and returned to (SN).
9. Carpet Bowls Box – A vote was taken to purchase a new box as long as the cost is not in excess of £500. Vote was unanimous and Sally (SG) will now talk to Julie Glen re ordering via her contact.
10. Entrance Door repairs ... Ruth (RB) to obtain a quote for a replacement UVPC door.
Also ...Floor in Cottage repair...Quote to be sought from the builder who repaired the roof. 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 along with the cottage floor when he is contacted.
11. Inspection of cottage Steve (SN) to arrange a date with Maggie the caretaker for Ruth (RS) & Angie (ABK) to carry out a routine inspection to coincide with signing the new Tenancy agreement.
12. Andy (AH) reported that the remedial work on the electrics is now completed.
Andy will obtain a quote for replacing the Hall boiler with an air-sourced HP boiler but will also research the best options for the hall heating system going forward.
13. All P&P has been updated by Steve (SN) and put on headed hall paper to enable us to apply for funds.
14. New freezer now in shed and it does not require a pat test until it is a year old.

Reference	Title
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P&P-MI-000	Health and Safety Policy
P&P-MI-001	Equality and Diversity Policy
P&P-MI-002	Hall Hire Terms and Conditions
P&P-MI-003	Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults
P&P-MI-004	Camping Policy
P&P-RA-001	Equality and Diversity Risk Assessment
P&P-RA-002	Hall Fire Safety Risk Assessment
P&P-RA-003	Fireworks Display Risk Assessment
P&P-RA-004	Camping Risk Assessment

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8. John (JK) has taken his mother's bench away for refurbishing.
9. The front hedge needs cutting back ASAP –if its not possible for Jim to do it, John has kindly offered to do it with his chainsaw.

Meeting Closed: 20.00

Date of Next CC Meeting: Wednesday 4th December Time: 6PM

Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 13th November 2024

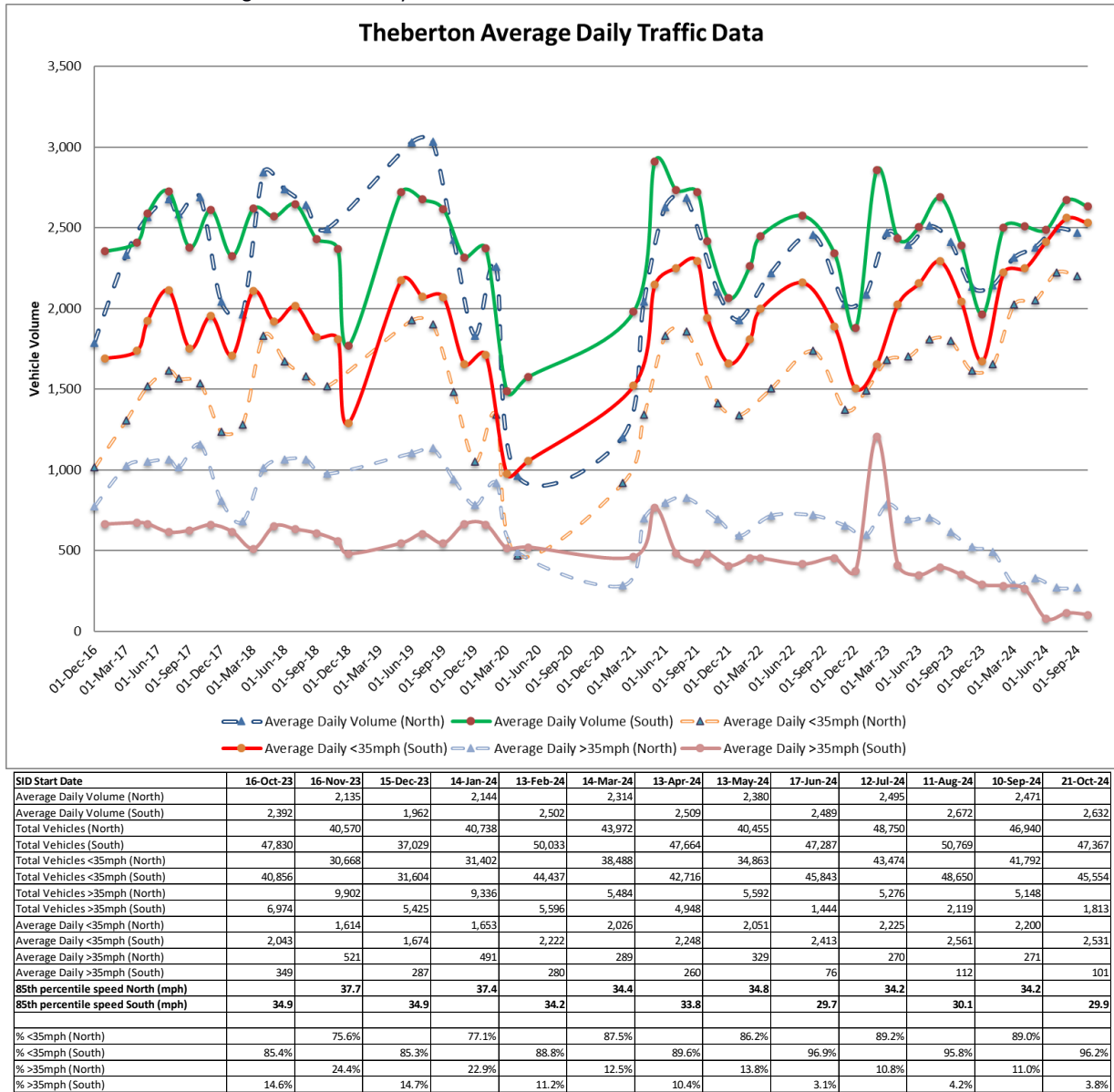
The speed indicator device has been operational for eighty-two ~20-day periods since 20th December 2016. It is placed at one end of the village or other at ~30-day intervals.

Traffic volumes long-term averages for those exceeding 35mph is now **32.6%** from north and **20.9%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is **39.2mph** from North and **36.7mph** from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.

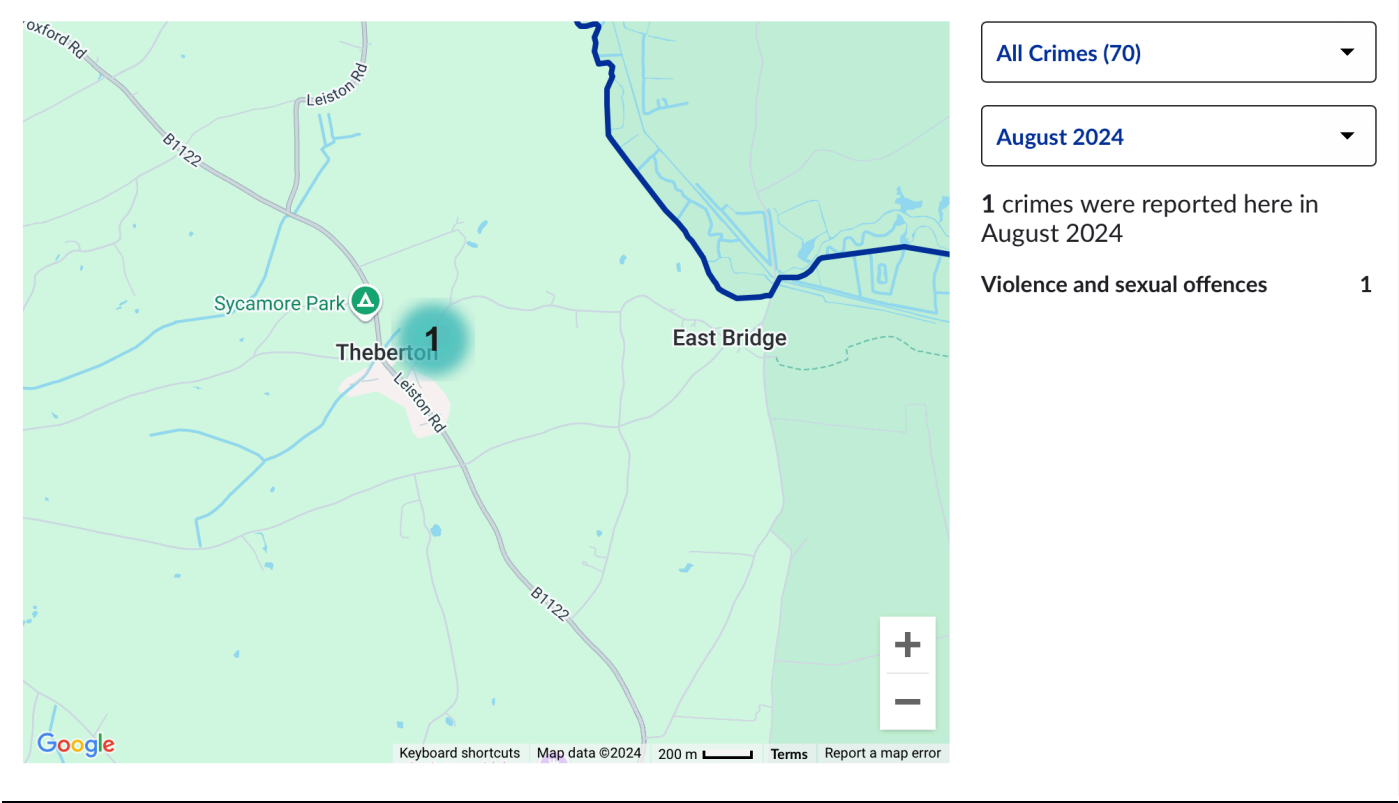
There is a clear reduction in speed noticeable from 20th May when the enforceable 30mph speed limit came into effect. This has continued into this latest month and reductions in averaged speeds and 85th percentile speeds are on a downward trend.

The cloudy weather meant this month the battery ran out slightly early, despite the solar panel topping the battery up, and only 18 full days were monitored rather than the target of 19 or 20 days.



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

Appendix VI – August Police Crime Report



Appendix VII – September Police Crime Report

