

At the ANNUAL MEETING of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
Held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on TUESDAY,
7th MAY, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D. E. Bailey
Councillor D.R. Boast
Councillor A.M. Cooper
Councillor R. J. Geater
Councillor Mrs S. M. Geater
Councillor C. S. Ginger
Councillor T. J. Hawkins
Councillor T.E. Hodgson
Councillor W.H. Howard
Councillor J. N. Last
Councillor Mrs A.V. Nunn
Councillor A. J. Nunn
Councillor J. I. Sparrow

1. **Election of Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Ginger and seconded by Cllr Sparrow that Cllr Hodgson be re-appointed Chairman for 2013/2014. Cllr Ginger told members how he believed that Cllr Hodgson had represented and run the Council extremely well over the last year and that he would continue to do so if given the opportunity. It was then proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr Cooper that Cllr Ann Nunn be given the opportunity to become Chairman for the coming year. Members agreed on a secret ballot which saw Cllr Mrs Nunn elected to the office of Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Mrs Nunn then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and thanked members for their support and confidence.
2. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 30th April 2013 be signed as a true record.
3. **Apology.** There were apologies from Cllr Parker and Cllr R Bailey.
4. **Chairman's Report for 2012/2013 (Councillor Terry Hodgson).**

The year started with the Town decked out in flags for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the highlight of which was the Fancy Dress Parade though the town and the Picnic in the Park on the 4th June. The Union Flags were then replaced by the flags of all nations to mark the Olympic and Paralympics Games and although there was disappointment that the torch relay did not come though the town many of us took the opportunity to see it in Aldeburgh, Saxmundham or Kelsale. The flags continued to fly for the Tour of Britain cycle race which came through the town in

September and a large crowd lined the streets to watch as the cream of professional cycling, including (Sir) Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish, raced by. The Town Council received the report from the Town Appraisal Group, this report identified the ways in which the residents of the town would like to see the town develop. The Council has embarked on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan which will in part be guided by the Appraisal Report, various groups which included members of the public are well into the detailed plans and it is hoped that the completed plan can be drawn together in the coming year when it will then be put to the residents of the Town to vote on in a referendum.

During the winter months a great deal of time and energy was spent by members of the Council studying, debating and consulting with others on the plans for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell, the Town Council produced a detailed response to the first stage consultation which can be viewed on the Town Council website. We also were consulted on the revision to the Sizewell Power Stations' Emergency Plan which could see the size of the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone increased to 4 Kilometres from the Stations. Plans have also been put forward and been given outline approval for a 119 housing development along the Aldeburgh Road, the Town Council had reservations about this plan and recommended refusal but the District Council agreed to it. Detailed Plans for a site in Valley Road are also being considered.

The Film Theatre has continued to perform well during the year and we were able to enjoy first class entertainment including the Pantomime and a production by Alde Valley School both of which put a strain on the dressing rooms at the theatre and plans have been drawn up to improve these facilities. Thank you to the Management and Staff at the Theatre for their hard work.

I have had the pleasure of attending many events in the Town during the year including the Opening of the Long Shop Museum for the 2013 season, the Allotment Holders and Gardeners' Show, the Rose and Sweet William Club, the Business Association Christmas Fair, the final presentation evening at the Middle School, a presentation evening at the Alde Valley School, the Youth Club, the Children's Centre. I have also represented the Town Council at Civic events around the County.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work and dedication over the last year and thank you to our clerk and his assistant for providing us with the support which we need.

Finally with the flags flying in the Town to celebrate Saint George's Day thank you to the Business Association for their support during the year.

Cllr Howard proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Hodgson for his Chairmanship over the last year during which he had overseen many interesting debates and had handled all the differences in a fair and friendly manner.

5. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr D Bailey that Cllr Cooper be appointed Vice Chairman for 2013/2014. With no other nominations members confirmed Cllr Cooper's appointment.

6. **Composition of Working Parties and Representation on Other Bodies.**

Members gave their preferences as to which Committees, Working Parties or Organisations requiring a representative from the Council they wished to be involved with for the coming year. The main changes came from the change of

Chairman but Cllr Hodgson was also asked to continue as the Council's representative on the new Sizewell C Community Forum.

7. **Signatories for Cheques.** It was proposed by Cllr Hawkins, seconded by Cllr Cooper, and agreed that, in addition to the Town Clerk, signatories for Town Council cheques should include any two of the following Councillors: - Cllr C.S. Ginger, Cllr T.E Hodgson, Cllr A.M. Cooper, Cllr W. H. Howard and Cllr Mrs A.V.Nunn.

8. **Loan of Artefacts.** The Clerk reported that various artefacts, including a working model steam tractor in a glass case, a wooden model steam lorry, a Garrett bust on a plinth, a collection of Garrett hats and a trunk, were on loan at the Long Shop Steam Museum. He further reported that the School Bell from the former Church of England Elementary School in Waterloo Avenue was similarly on loan at the Primary School. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed that these loans should continue. (Cllr Hawkins abstained).

There being no more business the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chair

Dated
