

## **Pre-meeting Reports 6 June 2017**

The meeting stood for a minutes silence in memory of all the victims of the recent terror attacks.

### **36. District Councillor**

Cllr Cooper tabled a report for the meeting. There were apologies from Cllr Ian Pratt. Cllr Cooper informed the meeting, in response to a previous enquiry, that the works on the car park at the Thorpeness end of Aldeburgh had cost £380,000. There were then observations made about the serious parking issues at Riduna Park at Melton.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on  
TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017 at 7.30 pm**

### **PRESENT**

**Councillor Mrs L Hill (in the Chair)  
Councillor D Bailey  
Councillor Mrs S Betson  
Councillor D Boast  
Councillor T Cooper  
Councillor C Ginger  
Councillor P Harle  
Councillor T E Hodgson  
Councillor W M Howard  
Councillor J N Last  
Councillor Mrs S Levermore  
Councillor D Morsley  
Councillor C Nichols**

### **37. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 16 May 2017 be signed as a true record.

### **38. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Geater.

### **39. Chairman's Communications**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Town Council, sent a letter of condolence to the Leader of Manchester City Council following the tragic events there on 22 May. The Chairman congratulated all the organisers involved in the events which made up the programme for the first Leiston Big Weekend. It offered a wide range of stalls, attractions, activities and entertainment. It was wonderful to see large numbers of the community and visitors to the area coming along to enjoy the events on what turned out to be a lovely sunny day. The Chairman was pleased to be invited to open the Vintage Family Day on the Victory Road recreation ground and to take part in some of the judging and presentation of prizes. She appreciated the hard work and commitment

involved in putting on these events and sincerely thanked everyone for making it such a special weekend for Leiston. Unfortunately, the Chairman was unable to attend the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on the Sunday at Leiston Airfield, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Last, represented the Town Council along with other councillors. The Chairman also mentioned a litter pick, which was agreed at the last Council meeting, which is being organised for Suffolk Day, Wednesday 21 June at 6pm meeting at the Council Offices.

#### **40. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Cooper in all planning matters and Cllr Hill regarding Leiston Film Theatre. Cllr Ginger in Leiston Works Railway.

#### **41. Walkround of Haylings Road Allotments**

It was agreed that the allotment committee would walkround the Haylings Road allotments at 2pm on 5 July 2017.

#### **42. Housing Group**

Members noted the two reports from recent meetings of the Housing Group. Cllr Betson updated members on the various strands of work being undertaken by the group and a summary of their activity is attached to these minutes. Members noted the recommendations from the group and, on a proposition from Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Morsley it was agreed to accept the notes from the meetings and to invite the Community Land Trust to come and talk to the Council at a future date.

#### **43. Leiston Together**

Mrs Gibson, the Leiston Change Manager, gave members an update on the work being done since the last board meeting of the Together Partnership of 19 April. She also informed members that the Partnership had been successful in obtaining funding for the Dementia Project and that a meeting was imminent to discuss ways of preparing for, promoting and enjoying the forthcoming Tour of Britain passing through Leiston on 8 September.

#### **44. Legacy Working Party**

Cllr Cooper gave an update on the issues and progress made at the first meeting of the Legacy Working Party. The next step was to organise and host a meeting of all the sports and leisure organisations in the town to establish a long-term plan. It was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that this be done.

#### **45. SCDC Car Park Review**

Cllr Cooper explained that SCDC were currently reviewing all their car parks and were interested in views on future charges and management. Members had previously requested 10 short term free parking spaces on the High Street car park but were keen to explore other options. Cllr Howard highlighted the Waveney car park in Halesworth where you got a ticket and the first hour was free before you started paying. This was considered the ideal solution for all the car parks in the parish and members agreed to request this. If this was not acceptable it was hoped that SCDC would consider a transferable ticket

system where one ticket covered all car parks in the district for a day. Finally, if nothing changes a strong representation should be made to get the 10 spaces originally requested. On a proposition from Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Nichols it was agreed that the Clerk relays these requests to SCDC. Cllr Cooper abstained.

*With the arrival of County Cllr Rainger at 7.55pm it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow County Cllr Rainger to give his report and to take questions from the audience.*

#### **46. County Councillor Rainger**

Cllr Rainger reported that he had just come from a meeting called to investigate, promote and support all the local Business Associations in the area which had been very positive. The trustees of the dormant Leiston Business Association had been in attendance too. He informed members that he was still on a steep learning curve and had been appointed to the Galloper 106 post, the SSG, the Sizewell Task Group and he was awaiting confirmation that he would be our representative at JLAG. He was asked to ensure that the Tour of Britain route was patched and resurfaced where necessary in good time for the race which he was pleased to take on.

*With no questions from the public Standing Orders were resumed.*

#### **47. Highways Committee**

Members noted the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of 23 May. With regard to the item on the Household Waste Site and speeding in Lovers Lane it was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed that Mr Chenery be instructed to proceed further with signage and road markings. It was further proposed by Cllr Last, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that a field study be organised and carried out in the area of the site to identify driver behaviour and how motorists actually drive along that stretch of road. There was concern about the weekend work scheduled for the High Street but Cllr Rainger assured the meeting that it would be for three Sundays and would be done in time for the Tour of Britain.

#### **48. Finance and Personnel**

a) Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £23,954.36p along with £13,814.08p paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

b) End of Year Internal Auditors report for 2016/2017

Members noted the report from Mrs Heelis regarding her inspection of the full annual accounts and that she had signed her section of the Annual Statement. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that the Internal Auditors report be accepted. The Chairman thanked The Clerk and Deputy Clerk for their work on the accounts.

c) Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017

It was proposed by Cllr Ginger seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed that all statements on the Annual Governance Statement could be answered in

the affirmative and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the document on their behalf.

d) Annual Accounts for 2016/2017

It was proposed by Cllr Ginger seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed that the accounts for 2016/2017 be approved and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Accounting Statement.

#### 49. **Planning Matters**

- a) DC/17/1934/VOC – Variation of Condition Nos 2, 5 and 7 of DC/16/1959/FUL – Two single storey dwellings and associated garages – revised information submitted including details of new drawing numbers, bin storage and sprinkler systems – Land rear of 37A and 39, 39 Waterloo Avenue, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- b) DC/17/1988/FUL – Reinstatement of one dwelling house into two separate dwelling houses – 35 Haylings Road, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- c) DC/17/2180/FUL – Existing sectional garage with asbestos cement roofing to be demolished; A 2 storey side extension with 2 bedrooms, 1 ensuite and 1 shower room on 1<sup>st</sup> floor and double garage on ground floor; Existing kitchen and external WC to be demolished and replaced with new kitchen and garden room. 14 Westward Ho. Leiston. Members were very concerned at the size and positioning of this extension as, due to the ground plan, it imposed unacceptably on the amenity of the neighbouring property. There would be issues of light into the neighbour's windows and the whole thing did not fit into the street scene at all.

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL**

- d) DC/17/2183/FUL – An application to build a single-storey rear extension to the rear of the extension. 2 Woodlands, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

#### 50. **County Matters**

The Clerk confirmed that no response had yet been received from the Chief Constable regarding pavement parking although the SNT Inspector had allocated Specials and PCSO's to the town to monitor it as they became available.

#### 51. **District Matters**

Nothing raised.

#### 52. **Correspondence**

##### Leiston Youth and Community Angling Society

Members noted the request from the Leiston Youth and Community Angling Society to immediately use £4,300 of the £5,000 earmarked reserve set aside for Haylings Pond to be able to instruct NJB to reconstruct the undermined bank on the north bank of the pond. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed to give the go ahead to this project.

Aldhurst Farm Wildlife Project – Rear of Carr Avenue

Members noted an e-mail, sent to the Chairman, in which Mr King stated his unhappiness at the way the Town Council had handled the issues he had surrounding the Aldhurst Farm wildlife project and, in particular, the ditch behind his dwelling. He noted that, in February, the Council had agreed that they had done all they could with EDF and that no more would be done. He contested this as he felt that members had not had a proper discussion with him. He asked whether members had endorsed the letters sent by the Clerk to EDF, whether they reflected the views of all councillors and whether the Council had discounted the possibility of further discussion with him on the subject. The Chairman pointed out that the Clerk responded as required by Council at their meetings and that, if there was a divergence of views, once a vote had been taken then that established the Councils position on any subject. She did not feel that the Council should revisit this but opened it to the floor. Cllr Boast asked whether there had been any problems noted on the field in question during the recent heavy rains. The Clerk hadn't heard of any and noted that there would be difficulties in accessing the field to check possibly. Cllr Last asked that the Council possibly try and broker another meeting of the various agencies involved so that Mr King could meet with Mr Crawford from EDF, the County Councillor, and, if possible, the Planning Authority. On a proposition from Cllr Last, seconded by Cllr Bailey, this was agreed.

Leiston Works Railway

Members noted the letter from Leiston Works Railway requesting that the Council make enquiries regarding the current status of the development plan for housing behind the Engineers Arms. There was an impasse at present based on the increased costs that the LWR faced if they were to comply with the current plans to make the lines flush with the surface through the development. A lease was on offer however and, on a proposition from Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Ginger it was agreed to ask the Clerk to mediate and talk to both parties to forge a way ahead.

**53. Questions to the Chairman**

Cllr Bailey asked the Chairman whether, in view of the recent incursion onto the Sizewell Car Park of a group of travellers, SCDC could be asked to re-instate the height barrier at the car park entrance.

The meeting finished at 9.02pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----