

Pre-meeting Reports
5 April 2016

204. Mr Tom McGarry – EDF NNB

Mr McGarry updated the meeting on the Nuclear New Build Programme. His briefing is attached.

On completion of the update, the floor was opened for questions. Cllr Ginger asked how far into the build will Hinkley Point C be if/when Sizewell gets the go ahead? Mr McGarry explained Sizewell C still has to go through the consultation period and cannot give a timeframe for Sizewell. Cllr Taylor raised the point that purdah could have an impact on the consultation and Mr McGarry confirmed this will be considered and EDF will work with the Local Authority. Cllr Harle expressed concerns regarding any technical issues and Mr McGarry confirmed there are robust regulators and assessments in place to meet UK requirements. Cllr Levermore asked if a cycle path would be incorporated into the wetland area to which Mr McGarry confirmed nothing has been determined as yet but councillors and public alike will be consulted on the future recreational uses of this site.

205. County Council

Cllr Richard Smith thanked members for their best wishes after his knee operation and he was pleased to now be back in circulation. He reported that he had recently attended the Steam Up at the Long Shop Museum and the opening of the Dry Fuel Store at Sizewell B. Cllr Smith expressed his concerns regarding devolution and the constant changes being made on a daily basis. The current situation is that Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire are to have an elected Mayor covering these three counties. A referendum will take place once the final proposals are in place. Cllr Boast asked if there would be more funding for community transport to which Cllr Smith replied unfortunately not but did confirm CATS have won the contract and been given a start-up grant commencing in June. A resident reported there was quite a lot of damage to buildings following the recent roadworks in the High Street due to the road rollers operating too closely to the properties and could consideration be given to this in the future. Cllr Smith confirmed he will raise this at a meeting he has with Highways tomorrow. Another resident felt the humps in the high street are sub-standard and has spoken with a Senior Engineer who is willing to come and walk the area with any residents/councillors to discuss the problems, he also wanted to know how much the work cost. Cllr Smith confirmed he would be happy to be part of this meeting and will obtain costs of the roadworks. Another concern is the drains are higher than the road and haven't been seated properly. Cllr Smith confirmed he will also raise this issue at his meeting in the morning. Mr Briggs mentioned he has spoken with Network Rail regarding the sinking road on the left hand side junction at Westward Ho and is awaiting a response. Cllr Smith confirmed he has spoken with Highways and they are investigating.

During the above item, the time reached 7.30pm, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger and seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the public session to complete.

206. District Council

Cllr Pratt informed the meeting that WDC and SCDC are promoting 'Keep Britain Tidy' and urge the public to report anyone littering or dog fouling. Cllr Cooper reported that unfortunately the Planning Inspector has given permission to build at Abbey Lodges. He also confirmed that SCDC has written to the Police Crime Commissioner regarding the policing situation and is awaiting a response. Cllr Levermore raised concerns that buildings are being vandalised at the old caravan park and Cllr Morsley also mentioned these buildings were discussed at a meeting with SCDC late last year and it was thought they were to be dismantled. Cllr Cooper is aware of the situation and is currently awaiting a response from SCDC.

207. Public

Mr Briggs asked if there were any plans to tarmac the dirt track between Carr Avenue and Valley Road with the new housing development to which the Town Clerk responded that it is unregistered land and it was not known who the owner is so this cannot be done. A resident raised concerns that cars are parking in the bus stop layby in Waterloo Avenue so the buses have to then stop on the road. Cllr Smith will look into this matter. Mr Briggs reported he has received a detailed schedule regarding ambulance response times which he will forward to the Town Clerk.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on
TUESDAY 5 April 2016 at 7.55pm**

PRESENT

Councillor D E Bailey (in the Chair)
Councillor D Boast
Councillor A M Cooper
Councillor S M Geater
Councillor C Ginger
Councillor P Harle
Councillor Mrs L Hill
Councillor T E Hodgson
Councillor J Last
Councillor Mrs S Levermore
Councillor D Morsley
Councillor C Nichols
Councillor M J Taylor

208. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1 March 2016 be signed as a true record.

209. Apologies

There were apologies from Cllr Howard.

210. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman reported he attended the RBL Training Band Concert held on 2 March at the WI Hall in aid of Free Trade Celebration Week.

On 5 March the Chairman attended the Film Theatre Support Club AGM and on behalf of the Town Council thanked Cllr Hill as Chair, officers, committee and helpers for all the work they carry out in fundraising and support for the film theatre.

The Chairman also attended a flag raising ceremony at Sizewell Beach café in celebration of Commonwealth Day on 14 March and on 17 March attended the Sizewell Stakeholder Group meeting.

On 19 March the Chairman attended the Film Theatre Support Club Coffee Morning which was very well supported and he thanked all those involved for their hard work.

The Chairman attended the official opening of the Sizewell B Dry Fuel Store on 31 March by EDF Chief Executive (M) Vincent de Rivaz.

211. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cooper 14 and 17, Cllr Hill 13b, Cllr Boast 17, Cllr Last 17, Cllr Ginger 13b.

212. Highways Committee of 22 February

Members noted the minutes from the Highways Committee meeting held 22 February. Cllr Harle mentioned that a temporary coating had been applied to Ashfield Drive and the road would have a recoat next year. Cllr Harle will contact Flagship Housing, as landowners, regarding a possible layby on the corner of Ashfield Drive.

213. Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Clerk reported that he had now received feedback from Suffolk Coastal District Council on the submitted Plan. There was still some work to do on the more technical aspects which Navigus Planning would be doing after Easter. The main item of discussion in the feedback though was the supporting text we had included on the town centre regeneration project. SCDC wished this to be amended to reflect the current situation regarding ownership and commitment which was currently being negotiated. Another meeting between the Town Council and the Cabinet and officers of Suffolk Coastal has been arranged for 13 April. Cllr Last raised concerns regarding the infrastructure of the town and felt the Town Council need to be active in getting this in place prior to the housing developments.

214. Reserve Council Meeting – 17 May

The Clerk confirmed the Annual Meeting will take place on 3 May and it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Hodgson to keep the current format with the Town Meeting following afterwards.

215. Planning Aid briefing held 29 March

Members noted the report from Cllr Taylor and the power point slides from the briefing which outlined the planning process for Major Infrastructure Projects and, in particular, Sizewell C. Cllr Taylor thanked Mr McGarry for arranging the extra session.

216. Police Matters

Members noted Cllr Ginger's report on the meeting held with PCC Mr Tim Passmore in February. They also noted the material produced since then elaborating on the new structures and areas that had been put in place this week. Cllr Last felt we should request a police report showing just Leiston crime figures and not for the whole area covering Halesworth and Eye and also regarding policing by the PCSOs after 6pm. It was proposed by Cllr Last, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that a letter is sent to the PCC requesting the PCSOs working hours to be reviewed and to include 6pm-9pm shift.

217. CCTV Installation

A brief report was circulated of the meeting with Melbek. The Clerk is investigating the power supply options.

218. The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Cllr Bailey reported good progress is being made with support from the Long Shop Museum, Leiston Business Association, Sizewell Sports and Social Club, Leiston Town Athletics Association and many other organisations in the town. A further meeting has been arranged on 19 April. Cllr Boast reported Leiston Gala funds had been received by the Council which have been placed in an earmarked reserve for community events.

219. Spring Newsletter

The Clerk reported 19 responses have been received regarding the dog survey with the vast majority wanted to keep the status quo. Unfortunately, there was only one volunteer for the speed watch project so that will not go ahead. One volunteer came forward to the Lorry Watch Scheme and Trading Standards will be giving him some training. Cllr Nichols also wanted to take part and will speak to Leiston and District Community Partnership to find other volunteers.

220. Finance and Personnel

- a) Accounts for payment – It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £46,847.33 along with £27,721.50 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.
- b) Film Theatre Admission Price review – Members noted Mr Burns recommendations for a modest increase in admission charge. It was proposed by Cllr Levermore, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed that the recommendations be accepted and the price increase implemented accordingly. Cllr Ginger abstained.
- c) Financial Standing Orders – Members noted the report that the Clerk had submitted to accompany the suggested new Financial Standing Orders for Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council. These were based on the Model Standing Orders recommended by the National Association of Local Councils with the appropriate amendments included to reflect Leiston's current circumstances. The amendments had been commented upon by the Internal Auditor and the Clerk had carefully explained any deviations from this advice. Members were happy that the draft covered all the areas of recent legislation and would, if implemented, safeguard the Council's finances. Cllr Ginger commented that Standing Orders also need to be reviewed as these are now outdated. It was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed to adopt the Financial Standing Orders as presented.

The meeting took a break from 9.10pm until 9.15pm

221. Planning

- a) DC/16/0527/OUT – Erection of 20 dwellings with associated paths, landscaping and boundary walls, gates and fences. Re-positioning of existing vehicular access to new drive and parking area at the Former Gas Works, Carr Avenue, Leiston

Cllr Taylor was concerned regarding possible flooding issues and Cllr Ginger felt the dirt track should be made up into a tarmac road. The Clerk agreed but the land/track is unregistered with no ownership so this cannot be done. It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed to accept this application but to detail the construction management plan, working hours, tree protection and flooding issues to the response.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- b) DC/16/1166/FUL – Dormer extension to rear-facing roof slope at 4 Westward Ho, Leiston

It was proposed by Cllr Levermore, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed to approve this application.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- c) DC/16/0605/FUL - Retention of 1 x prefabricated medical decontamination unit, covered walkway and cabin. We require the existing planning permission reference C/06/1917 to be renewed until our care and maintenance in 2027 when these buildings will be removed. Magnox, Sizewell A, Sizewell Power Station

It was proposed by Cllr Nichols, seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed to approve this application.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- d) DC//16/0661/FUL – Retention of 5x double storey portacabins currently used as mess facilities and offices, retention of 1 x breathing air apparatus container used to charge cylinders, retention of 1 x sub changer room. We require the existing planning permission reference C/06/1692 to be renewed until our care and maintenance in 2027 when these buildings will be removed. Magnox, Sizewell A, Sizewell Power Station

It was proposed by Cllr Nichols, seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed to approve this application.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- e) DC//16/0449/FUL – Retention of 3 storey office accommodation on the Sizewell A site. We require the existing planning permission reference LPA C/06/0632 to be renewed until our care and maintenance in 2027 when these buildings will be removed. Magnox, Sizewell A, Sizewell Power Station

It was proposed by Cllr Nichols, seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed to approve this application.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

222. County Matters

Cllr Geater reported the hedge needs trimming back on the junction with Red House Lane and the footway from Kingfisher Place along Aldeburgh Road.

223. District Matters

Cllr Taylor raised the question of the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council merger. Cllr Cooper confirmed there would be public consultation/referendum in due course.

224. Correspondence

Fire Fighters Charity – It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed to grant £250.00 for this charity. Cllr Hill and Cllr Ginger against and Cllr Last abstained.

Sizewell and Knodishall Youth Football Club – It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed to grant £100.00 to this organisation.

EACH – It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Hill and agreed to grant £100.00 to this charity.

Magpas – It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed to grant £100.00 to this charity.

CATS – It was proposed by Cllr Nichols, seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed to grant £500.00 to this organisation. Cllr Cooper and Cllr Boast abstained. Cllr Cooper felt the Council should invite CATS to a future meeting to which councillors all agreed.

Signage for Orchard – Cllr Levermore had obtained a quote from Leiston Press for signage and it was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed to purchase the signs.

225. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Hodgson raised the SPLG issues and it was agreed this would be on the agenda for June.

Cllr Last reported that the BMX Pump Track launch event on 3 April was very well supported and felt a letter should be sent to Leiston Youth Club congratulating the staff and kids for their hard work in arranging the event and also Sarah Shinnie at SCDC for her support.

The meeting finished at 10pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----

Leiston Town Council Update – 5 April 2016

Project Update

- Last week EDF Energy hosted a very significant event: the opening of the Dry Fuel Store at Sizewell B.
- It is the first nuclear new build project in the UK and first nuclear project since Sizewell B came online.
- An innovative facility which will safely store a lifetime's spent fuel from Sizewell B. It will enable Sizewell B to continue to generate electricity until at least 2035. The facility – built to withstand flood, fire, lightning strikes, earthquakes and even an aircraft crash – will provide storage for up to 100 years.
- Its construction is another example of EDF Energy's long-term investments in its fleet of nuclear power stations and sets a new global standard for the safe storage of spent fuel. The project sets the foundation for the nuclear new build programme here in Suffolk.
- EDF Energy's CEO Vincent de Rivaz welcomed several local stakeholders, including Leiston Town Councillors. In his speech he repeated the clear message he delivered to MPs on the Energy and Climate Change Select Committee last month: that HPC will be built and we are making progress to FID. He also noted that this is good news for Sizewell C as we will then progress on to Stage 2 consultation.
- Since our last meeting in February, we have undertaken the following surveys and assessments:
 - Landscape visual impact assessments
 - Baseline lighting environment surveys
 - Soil sampling
 - Offshore seabed surveys
 - Groundwater monitoring
 - Soil Auguring
 - Bird Surveys
 - Jim Crawford and Local Businesses
- Last month our new Project Development Director Jim Crawford started in the role, and immediately went out to meet various stakeholders and interest groups in the region. Jim has set out his vision for maximising the opportunities Sizewell C could bring to the local area, and the impact the project has already had across Suffolk. I think this is relevant following some concerns raised by Town councillors regarding progress to FID for HPC and of course, Stage 2 for Sizewell.
- It is important to recognise that even at this early stage, local suppliers have been providing plant, materials and services to our project. Many of these businesses, of varying sizes, are based in places very familiar to us: Leiston, Woodbridge, Southwold, Aldeburgh, Easton, Wickham Market and so on. Some of those local companies include CD Blowers, Binder and Kingtime, Barnes Rosher, a number of the local caterers here in Leiston and the local independent Land rover specialist in Saxmundham.

- Additionally, several local people have worked on our project, whether that has been on site at Aldhurst Farm, or focusing on local engagement from the Sizewell C Information Office or site specific surveying.
- We had a stand at Suffolk Coast Businesses' 'Routes to Market' event at Ufford Park last month. Over 100 local delegates visited the stand, all with an interest on how local businesses can prepare themselves for supply chain opportunities at Sizewell C. We took part in presenting Business Booster Workshops to delegates - five minute presentations crammed full of useful information and we continue registering suppliers to the supply chain portal run by Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. There are almost 1,000 registered on the portal – learning what it takes to get fit for new nuclear opportunities during this lead in time.
- The key message is that a number of local companies are winning business during the planning of Sizewell C – not just waiting for the building and operation of it.
- This was Jim's message to a recent meeting of the 100 key influencers on the Suffolk economy at Kesgrave. He also addressed the East of England Energy Group's flagship annual conference in Norfolk, updating the regional trade association's members made up of several energy companies and engineering SMEs.

Community Engagement

- As well as businesses we have of course been engaging with residents and community groups, including Ashfield Women's Group, Sizewell Residents Association, Access Community Trust, Community Rail Partnership, Leiston Town Football Club and the Southwold and Reydon Society.
- We also had an informal meeting for members of the Sizewell C Community Forum on 4 February at Snape Maltings. This was useful to bring members together again but also to introduce Planning Aid England's John Romanski.
- As you know, EDF Energy approached Planning Aid England to provide independent support to towns and parishes in the preparation of their formal responses to Stage 2 consultation.
- Following the Forum, PAE hosted some introductory sessions in the local area. About a dozen parishes attended.
- The clerk of the Town Council was keen for all Town councillors to receive a special presentation in advance of Stage 2 consultation, so PAE came to the Community Centre on the evening of March 29th where John Romanski gave a presentation.
- Five Town Councillors attended but John provided the Clerk with a copy of the presentation so it could be circulated to those who did not attend.
- This independent service will only be beneficial if you make use of it. I am sure councillors will be keen to use PAE when Stage 2 is underway.

Aldhurst Farm

- We continue to make progress on Aldhurst Farm and Upper Abbey Farmhouse.
- EDF Energy and CA Blackwell are pleased to begin remobilising on the Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation Scheme next week.
- We made excellent progress on the scheme last year with 80% of the wetland basins created and thousands of reeds planted. The remaining works will take approximately eight weeks and will include finishing off excavation of remaining groundwater basins, connecting power to the pump house, fencing the perimeter; completing the soil spreading around the site and reed planting. We've also enhanced our programme for grass seeding to include extra density along the Carr Avenue boundary. This will hopefully allow for a quicker establishment of a grassy 30 metre buffer.
- The existing footpath has been re-opened with the diverted footpath also remaining in place for the time being.
- During the first week, there will be periods of time when temporary traffic lights will be in use so that we can safely move abnormally large machines and vehicles off Abbey Road into the site. But they will only be used as needed.
- A letter to nearby residents was sent out today informing them of the on-site activity and temporary traffic lights works.

Upper Abbey Farmhouse

- As for Upper Abbey, works are progressing to complete Farmhouse itself for 10 May. The clearing of the site accommodation will follow after, and then the external works around the building.
- The new roofs are complete and the main scaffold has now been dropped around both buildings with small localised areas of scaffold or cherry pickers being used for the remaining items to the structure.
- Internal plastering is well advanced however decorations are being delayed as the lime plaster is taking a long time to dry due to the temperature of the old structure. The refitting of the refurbished /new windows is virtually complete and the new stairs are complete.
- Kitchen and bathroom installations will commence shortly.
- The latest newsletter has been circulated and I've brought copies for you this evening.

Going Forward

- Many of you know Amber Brinkley who is here with me this evening. Aside from formal stages of consultation, Amber will be providing you with the regular project updates going forward.

Tom McGarry - Head of External Affairs
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