

**Pre-meeting Reports
5 December 2017**

159. Mr John McNamara, EDF Energy NNB

The Chairman welcomed Mr McNamara who gave members an update on the Sizewell C Project and the recent Community Forum. Cllr Howard raised concerns that planning proposals at Stage 3 would not give residents enough time to comment but Mr McNamara confirmed public consultation will be available and the Planning Inspectorate will engage further public consultation on the planning aspects. Cllr Howard queried the management of the Aldhurst Farm Nature Reserve as complaints had been voiced from residents who are worried it is very overgrown and not being maintained. Mr McNamara will look into this matter and feedback. Cllr Hodgson queried the option of the four villages bypass and Mr McNamara confirmed EDF will discuss various options with SCC. Cllr Bailey requested a printed copy of the Sizewell C Community Forum presentation which Mr McNamara will action. Cllr Ginger asked if EDF had considered the campus report SCC had commissioned and Mr McNamara reported EDF are reviewing the options.

160. County Councillor

Cllr Rainger updated members on the Fire and Rescue Peer Review and announced the SCC Child in Care Team won a silver award at a recent ceremony in recognition of their work. He reported SCC are working with Trading Standards to educate the public on hoax callers and rogue traders, and to support those with debt problems, isolation and loneliness. Cllr Casagrande asked how this was being communicated and County Cllr Rainger said information is on the website, leaflets had been distributed and through voluntary groups and clubs. Cllr Howard queried the cut in the SCC grant for organic waste to SCDC and County Cllr Rainger will look into this. Cllr Betson asked if there was a survey on fly-tipping when the Lover's Lane Recycling Centre is closed on Wednesdays and suggested the regular Wednesday closure to be publicised. Councillors were all concerned that fly-tipping would increase if charges were brought in for brown bins. Cllr Casagrande felt we should promote recycling more. Cllr Cooper reported the options for charging for brown bins were currently being discussed at SCDC.

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

161. District Councillor

A report from Cllr Cooper was tabled. Cllr Howard queried how many homeless people there are and Cllr Cooper said figures are awaited and he will circulate in due course. Cllr Cooper complimented the Leiston Events Team on the Christmas Fair at the weekend.

162. Public Forum

No items were raised.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on
TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017 at 7.50pm**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs L Hill (in the Chair)
Councillor D Bailey
Councillor Mrs S Betson
Councillor D Boast
Councillor Miss F Casagrande
Councillor T Cooper
Councillor Mrs S Geater
Councillor C Ginger
Councillor P Harle
Councillor T Hodgson
Councillor W H Howard
Councillor J N Last
Councillor D Morsley

163. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7 November 2017 be signed as a true record.

164. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Nichols, Cllr Levermore, and District Cllr Pratt.

165. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman attended the Remembrance Concert at Leiston Film Theatre on 8 November which was well supported and the audience included Dr Therese Coffey MP, County Cllr Rainger and County Cllr Smith. She also attended the ceremony at the Victory Road recreation ground to observe the two minute silence at 11am on the 11 November. The Chairman laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council at the Remembrance Day Service and was pleased to see so many groups represented with a large number of local people supporting the occasion. The Chairman thanked everyone who helped to organise and took part in the Remembrance Day events. On 28 November, the Chairman, along with other councillors, attended the public meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore who reported he was trying to secure further funding for Suffolk Police from the Government. The Chairman was given a tour of Alde Valley Academy during the school day on Friday 1 December by Mr Wilson. Mr Hanger, the Art and Design teacher, informed her of the success of one of the Alde Valley's sixth form students. Out of all the schools and sixth form colleges invited to exhibit their best students' art work at an annual exhibition at the University of Suffolk, Laura Harle was judged the overall winner of the Anna Airy award. The Chairman was delighted to open the Sparkle and Ice Christmas Street Fair last weekend. It

had built on last year's success filling the main streets with stalls and attractions and the people of Leiston came out in great numbers to support and the enjoy the occasion. She had sent congratulations to the Events Group via Cllr Levermore and thanked them for organising this successful event which showcased Leiston and demonstrated community spirit in action. A financial summary for the event will be submitted at the January meeting but she was advised that over £1,000 was raised on the day. The Chairman asked the Clerk to also send a letter of thanks from the Town Council. The Chairman reported the refurbishment of the Jubilee Gates in Waterloo Avenue had been completed.

166. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cooper for item 10 and item 13 letter 1, Cllr Howard item 9a, Cllr Boast item 13 letter 1 and Cllr Hill for Leiston Film Theatre.

167. Leiston Together

Mrs Gibson joined the meeting and gave members an update on Leiston Together which had just had its latest Board meeting that morning. Social Prescribing is progressing well and 2 bids were successful to be funded from the Power to Change applications for the Community Land Trust and the Men's Shed. Mrs Gibson reported the recent Dementia Project engagement sessions were well attended and sites are being considered for the Park Run on Saturday mornings, she also mentioned Suffolk New College on the Coast has an open day on 12 December. The Clerk reported that a scoping study for the town centre regeneration the Council had commissioned had been completed in draft and would be circulated to members and the Together Board shortly. A bid to get a comprehensive housing needs survey done in town will be worked up by January once costings had been put into a report. Mrs Gibson confirmed a new coordinator post for the LDCP is being shortlisted this week for interview on 15 December.

168. SZC Community Forum

Cllr Hill attended the Forum and was pleased that a further meeting will take place in the summer.

169. Highways Committee Meeting of 21 November 2017

Members noted the minutes from the Highways Committee meeting and discussed two of the recommendations. Cllr Ginger proposed, in principle, for waiting restrictions to be put in Paxton Chadwick Close, seconded by Cllr Morsley but this was not carried. Cllr Last proposed we ask for a 'decision making' officer to attend the Highways meetings as he felt actions had not been addressed or answered satisfactorily, which was seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed. With regards to the parking issues on Seaward Avenue, Cllr Betson proposed for a meeting to be arranged with Flagship, Leiston Town Council and Highways to explore the options, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed.

170. Ambulance Response Times

Members noted the response from the East of England Ambulance Service giving details of the service response times to call outs over the last 12 months. The times were not good at all and it was noted that the categories of emergency responses had recently changed to allow the most critical incidents to have their response time improved. After further discussion, it was agreed a letter to be sent to the Ambulance Service highlighting our geographical position and to ask how they intend to improve their service and support our area with a copy to be sent to Dr Therese Coffey MP.

171. Finance and Personal

a) Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £66,398.20 along with £18,809.60 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

b) Internal Auditors interim report for 2017/2018

Report previously circulated. Cllr Betson thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and it was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed to accept the auditor's report.

c) External Auditors report for 2016/2017

There were two minor issues with the return whereby one figure was put in the wrong box and the return had had to be adjusted in box 9 to comply with accepted local government accounting standards. As both these issues had already been resolved it was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that the report be accepted and that the items raised be noted.

The meeting took a break from 8.50pm to 9pm

172. Planning Matters

East Anglia Wind Farm ONE and TWO

Draft response previously circulated and all agreed for this to be sent.

DC/174824/FUL – Side extension incorporating replacement garage and rear kitchen extension 3 Kitchener Road, Leiston

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DC/17/4645/OUT – Seven dwellings on former commercial site. 2 new semi-detached houses ridge 7.5m – 1 new duplex ridge 6.5m, 1 house conversion of existing range building – 3 flats conversion of former mill/commercial space at The Mill, 22 Carr Avenue, Leiston. Cllr Howard against.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DC/17/4893/FUL – New vehicular access and parking area at front of dwelling with turning area 70 Waterloo Avenue, Leiston

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

173. County Matters

No further items were raised.

174. District Matters

Cllr Cooper requested residents check their WiFi speed as the District Council has been told faster broadband is available but this does not seem to be the case in Leiston! Broadband provider and location details to Cllr Cooper please. Cllr Harle asked if a planning application for the front part of the old middle school site has been received but Cllr Cooper confirmed no application has been received as yet.

175. Correspondence

Grant Request from LTAA

Cllr Cooper left the room. A letter had been received from the LTAA requesting help towards erecting fencing and CCTV cameras. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed to grant £250.00. Cllr Howard against. Cllr Morsley proposed £400.00 for CCTV but this was not carried.

Grant Request from Pro Corda

A letter had been received from Pro Corda requesting that Leiston Town Council consider allocating some CIL money or perhaps giving grant aid toward a new boiler that is needed in the Guesten Hall (at Leiston Abbey). Pro Corda have the task of maintaining this grade 1 listed building and it is a very important community asset. It was proposed by Cllr Casagrande, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed to grant £300.00. Cllr Ginger abstained.

158. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Harle queried the next Police SNT meeting time. Cllr Hill had been advised this would be held next February or March and suggested it would be during the day and not the evening.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----