

At an extraordinary meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL, called by the Chairman, held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Main Street, Leiston, on TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012, at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A. M. Cooper (in the chair)  
Councillor D. Bailey  
Councillor D. Boast  
Councillor R. J. Geater  
Councillor Mrs S. Geater  
Councillor W.H. Howard  
Councillor J. N. Last  
Councillor Mrs A. V. Nunn  
Councillor A J Nunn  
Councillor N. Parker

- 170. Introduction.** The Chairman explained that, in the last week, he had been involved with several discussions relating to section 106 agreements. These had looked more closely at the Dry Fuel Store and the rationale for how the community benefit from that had been secured for the AONB but, more urgently, what might be desirable to offset the considerable disruption that the proposed Galloper Wind Farm would most certainly bring to residents in the Parish during its construction. He felt that members needed the opportunity to express their thoughts on this before he entered discussions next week. He apologised that there was not time to leave this to the next scheduled meeting in public and assured Cllr Howard that the notes from this meeting would be available at the next Council meeting for ratification.
- 171. Apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Sparrow, Cllr Ginger and Cllr Hodgson.
- 172. Section 106 agreements.** The Clerk explained, that as far as he was aware, section 106 or community compensation type schemes or payments were a legal agreement between the developer and the planning authority (possibly including other parties affected by the development [landowners etc.]) and had to satisfy three tests by law;
- The scheme/payment had to be necessary for the development to be able to take place.
  - It had to be directly related to the development and
  - It had to be fairly and reasonably proportionate to the development being considered.
- Despite the issues of the long term danger etc. of storing nuclear waste at Sizewell it was the material aspects of the proposed construction and siting that were used to negotiate the eventual compensation package. Cllr Nunn pointed out that it might be a bit easier to widen the discussions with Galloper as the new regulations were now in force.
- 173. Needs and desires.** The Chairman asked members to consider what Leiston needed in the future to help deal with the large and inevitable upheaval that a new nuclear build would bring and, in the immediate future, what amelioration could be requested from Galloper to offset the noise, nuisance and scarring of the beach that their project would necessitate. Cllr Last just reminded members that each would bring an increase in risk and that the emergency services would also need to look at what they required to cover this.

174. **Project List.** Members put together the following list – the first few are relevant to Galloper but could equally be applied to Sizewell C.

- The offshore aspects of the wind farm could help ameliorate the longterm visual impact of the substation by having **one mast dedicated to Community use** in the Parish; i.e. provide electricity for the Guide Hut, Scout Hut, Community Centre etc.
- The destruction of the sensitive grass area in front of the beach huts and the works to get the cables onshore could be ameliorated by the **provision of some more beach huts** to supplement those already there. The waiting list is over 50 with waiting times of over 20 years! One beach Hut to be adapted and for use by local disabled organisations/groups.
- Fund a minibus service to and from Sizewell at appropriate times (Summer?).
- Enhance cyclepaths in the vicinity of Sizewell and work on the footpath from Sizewell to Thorpeness to make it accessible. Work with sustrans to bring cyclepath from Aldeburgh to Leiston (along old rail line) up to good specification.
- Provide funds for a coach/lorry park in the Parish
- Improve the condition of the vehicle access on to the beach
- Fund replacement public toilets in Dinsdale Road that could be used at all hours as they are at the transport hub of the town.
- Provide new bus shelter in Main Street
- Provide matched funding to complete the access and amenity project to Haylings Pond meadow to benefit young people and disabled residents
- Engage with the industrial heritage of the Town by funding the refurbishment and laying of track for the Leiston Works Railway.
- A new Community Centre able to house up to 200 residents for meetings etc. (Currently unable to host SSG meetings).
- A new Library (in the same building as Community Centre perhaps)
- Pedestrianisation of Town Centre and One Way system to offset increased traffic.
- Obtain Harling Way Recreation Ground for Town ownership
- Adult Keep Fit trails around town with appropriate equipment.
- Town Trail with audio (mp3) commentary – the Garret Trail
- Help to insulate and make all homes in the Parish more energy efficient
- Extension to the Cinema to provide proper changing rooms
- Improve allotments by providing fencing and huts on each plot
- Petanque court
- Fund purchase of Council Offices from SCDC
- Fund purchase of Sizewell Car Park and other areas in town owned by SCDC
- Improve High Street by removing speed humps (part of one way and pedestrianisation)
- New Surgery on the level with a car park
- Road improvement links with A12 and protection for Abbey Lane
- Refurbish changing rooms at the Sports Centre.
- Provide the energy to Sports Centre
- Fund improvements to the Wardens Disabled facility.

175. The list was to be agreed at the April meeting and to be provided to District and County for future negotiations.

There being no more business the meeting finished at 8.10pm.

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