

Pre-meeting Reports
30th April 2013

273. Mr Tom McGarry. The Chairman welcomed Mr McGarry, EDF, who updated members on the consultation process for Sizewell C. He reported that the preliminary results of the 1st Stage of the consultation had been presented to the Sizewell C Community Forum the previous week. He re-iterated that these were initial responses to the initial proposals and that numbers were not important but that the comments and views of the respondents were. There were around 1,300 responses and comment from 49 Town and Parish Councils. He informed the meeting that there was lots of analysis still to do, lots of various technical assessments still to be completed and much work still to be done assessing the sites put forward in the initial proposals. As an example he pointed out that Hinckley had just got planning permission after consultation starting in 2009. He briefly elaborated on the refocus of work at Hinckley while the Government and EDF negotiated the strike price but couldn't really say how this would affect Sizewell C at the moment. He reported that some Sizewell B buildings would need to be relocated, possibly to the Sizewell A site, but that, after initial negotiations with the NDA on this, no further discussions were taking place at the moment. There would be a consultation on this though should the ideas be brought forward in the future. Cllr Ginger asked whether many responses had mentioned the environmental issues of constructing a new power station at Sizewell. Mr McGarry said that a lot of them had indeed mentioned the myriad of environmental concerns that the project raised and assured him that each would be collated and used as part of the ongoing Environmental Impact Assessment that would form a large part of the Planning Application. Cllr Howard asked whether EDF were comfortable about having to store spent fuel on site indefinitely and were they prepared for this. Mr McGarry said that EDF were aware that they would have to store the spent fuel for the lifetime of the new station as, although they fully supported the Government's preference for Deep Geological storage, they also realised this was many many years away from becoming a reality. A query was raised as to whether local views given in the responses were given more weight than those from much further afield, especially with views expressed on rail routes for instance? He was also asked whether he could let the Council have copies of the presentation given to the Community Forum last week as the screen there had been too small for it to be seen clearly. Mr McGarry promised that this would happen but the presentation would be given out with the minutes to ensure the slides could be taken in context.

During the above discussions, the time reaching 7.30pm, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Hawkins, and agreed, that standing orders be suspended to allow the public part of the meeting to be completed.

At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on TUESDAY,
30th APRIL 2013, at 7.40 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor T. E. Hodgson (in the chair)
Councillor D. 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 W.H. Howard
Councillor J. Last
Councillor Mrs A.V. Nunn
Councillor A. J. Nunn
Councillor J. Sparrow

274. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 2nd April 2013 be signed as a true record ensuring that a note was made by Minute 268d) that two Councillors objected to the development on the Valley Road field otherwise it might look like the decision had been unanimous.

275. **Apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Bailey and Cllr Parker.

276. **Chairman's Communications.** The Chairman read out a letter of thanks from Mr Huxley in response to his being presented with the Freedom of the Town. He then reported that he had attended the local area Police Forum held by the PCC at Aldeburgh the previous day where Mr Passmore outlined his priorities and representatives were able to question his team.

277. **Declaration of interests.** Cllr Hawkins declared an interest in Agenda items 8b, 8d and 8e. Cllr Howard in item 5.

278. **Sizewell C –** Members asked that Mr McGarry's offer of a further briefing, once the analysis was complete, be borne in mind for the near future.

279. **Finance.**

a) **Accounts for payment.** It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £14,469.42p be approved for payment.

280. **Planning.**

a) **C13/0647 – Construction of Garage/store in front garden of 47 Seaward Avenue, Leiston.** Members were very concerned that this was totally out of keeping with the street scene in this small cul-de-sac and would set a hugely unwelcome precedent if it were allowed to go ahead. The layout of the gardens are not suitable for vehicular access and the neighbour of this particular application would suffer an unacceptable loss of amenity by virtue of view and the shadow on her garden. The size of the proposed garage is out of proportion to what might be acceptable which is indicated by the existing shed in that position. It is obviously forward of the building line and should be resisted. Cllr Hawkins abstained.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

b) **C13/0404 – Installation of new lighting masts at Sizewell A Power Station, Leiston.** The proposed masts were engineered to ensure light did not escape upward or outward from the site and therefore appeared satisfactory to perform their envisaged function. Cllr Hawkins abstained.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

c) **C13/0608 – Erection of ground and first floor extension to enlarge bungalow to form rectory at Harvest Lodge, Church Road, Leiston.** The rather contemporary design was unusual and possibly slightly out of keeping with the adjacent Church but otherwise looked like an acceptable proposal although members wished to ensure the trees on the property were protected.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

d) **3/0653 – Reconstruction and renovation of unit 1, refurbishment and maintenance of unit 2 at Upper Abbey Farm House, Eastbridge Road, Leiston.** Both this and the listed building application below were welcomed by members as taking the building back to where it was before the fire. Cllr Hawkins abstained

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e) **13/0654 – Reconstruction and renovation of unit 1, refurbishment and maintenance of unit 2 at Upper Abbey Farm House, Eastbridge Road, Leiston (listed).** Cllr Hawkins abstained.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- f) **C13/0729 – To construct a new ground floor extension to the south and west elevations. Alter existing elevations and finishes. Construct new double garage to north east corner of plot. (Siting of mobile home for occupation during building work). At 73, Abbey Road, Leiston.** Members noted that this design was much more in keeping with the street scene and was less intrusive on the neighbouring property than the other application for this site.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- g) **C13/0651 – Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission C10/0588 for the part side garden of 53 King Georges Avenue, Leiston.** First recommended in 2004.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

281. County Matters

- a) **Country verges.** Cllr Bailey expressed his frustration with the damage that the wide tractors did to country lanes these days. He realised there was little that could be done however.
- b) **Cul-de-sac by 45 Seaward Avenue.** Cllr Ginger just wished to highlight the problem of heavy vehicles damaging the kerb at the end of the Cul-de-sac where they went up to park on or cross the paving slabs there.

282. District Matters.

- a) Nothing raised.

283. Correspondence.

- a) **Long Shop.** Members asked for the Long Shop's request for grant aid to be put on the June Agenda.

284. Questions to the Chairman.

- a) Cllr Howard asked whether the Chairman was alarmed at the recent article in the Observer that Mr Pickles had not taken action on a recommendation from Mr Wightman, recently of the NII, that houses should not be built near nuclear power plants. In 2011 the then Chief Inspector for nuclear installations, backed up by the ONR, demanded that constraints be incorporated into the new National Planning Policy Framework to check future house building and commercial expansion in the vicinity of nuclear plants. This was ignored.

At 8.30pm it was proposed by Cllr Hawkins, seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed that, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

A matter of personnel was discussed.

There being no more business the meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Chair

Dated
