

Pre-meeting Reports
4th June 2013

- 9. Police Report.** The Chairman welcomed Philip Marshall who, after four years as the Town's PCSO, was leaving to become a Police Constable. Philip was presented with a small memento to show members and residents' appreciation and everyone wished him well in his new career. Philip introduced his relief, PCSO Samuel Maples, and expressed his thanks for the support that the Town had given him during the past four years. PCSO Terry Barrow then gave an overview of the crime statistics for May (attached). Terry answered some questions and explained that, along with PC Carl Lawrence, he was working to try and get a Youth Forum off the ground with a possible launch event (like a "fun" day) later in the summer. Members were pleased to hear of this initiative and hoped it went well. It was confirmed that Samuel is the Town's part funded PCSO and PCSO Fiona Sharpe's replacement will here in July.
- 10. Sergeant Nigel Tompsett.** The Chairman welcomed Sgt Nigel Tompsett, Suffolk Constabulary, who explained what his role entailed as the Sizewell C liaison officer for the police during the current consultation. Currently he is working with the community and any interested groups to get feedback on the Nuclear New Build to ensure Suffolk Constabulary has a very thorough input into the consultation process. He is also acting as the protest liaison officer to ensure local groups who wish to can protest peacefully when they wish to. In answer to a question Sergeant Tomsett confirmed that his post is not currently funded by EDF but by the Constabulary and that he saw the need for intelligence gathering but he did not know of any intention to carry out intrusive surveillance on protesters. He was questioned about the role of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary with regards to protests and he assured the meeting that the CNC's responsibility was purely to guard the facility so they did not get involved in protests, which remains entirely the remit of Suffolk Constabulary.
- 11. County Report.** The Chairman welcomed Cllr Richard Smith who informed the meeting that, since being returned, he had been given a post on the Cabinet at the County Council. He now had the portfolio for Economic Development, Environment and Planning. He apologised that, for the next month or so, he would be extremely busy trying to absorb the information required to carry out the responsibilities that came with the post but that he would then, hopefully, be able to again devote time to his ward. Economic development involved creating the conditions in Suffolk for growth and job creation along with promoting tourism. His environment responsibilities took in coastal erosion, AONB's, flooding and waste management. He remained a member of the Joint Local Authorities Group looking at Nuclear New Build and also had the brief for the County's Archaeological service. Cllr Ginger congratulated him on being promoted to the Cabinet and hoped that he did not find any conflict within his duties with regard to the proposal for Sizewell C in an AONB and its effect on tourism! Cllr Smith informed the meeting that he had a deputy, Cllr Ann Gower, and that he would, hopefully, be bringing the SCC Chief Executive, Deborah Cadman, to Leiston (and Aldeburgh) later in the summer to get familiar with his ward. He went on to explain that he was powerless to do anything about the current fiasco that the new bus timetable had become as they were commercial services, acting within the law. He sympathised with the many users who were affected by the recent changes and hoped that First and Anglian might review their services in light of customer dissatisfaction.
- 12. District report.** Cllr Nunn reported on recycling rates and how the recently introduced textile recycling scheme was doing. The plastic recycling campaign was now in full swing and it was hoped that this would help increase rates there. Cllr Cooper informed members that SCDC had put £100,000 into a budget to be used to support Towns and Parishes doing Neighbourhood Plans. Mr Huxley pointed out that the planning system did not seem robust enough to truly question Anglian Water with regards to the sewage and drainage system in Leiston as there was conflicting information being given in this regard when plans were discussed.

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,
4th JUNE 2013, at 8.17p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs A. V. Nunn (in the chair)
Councillor D. Bailey
Councillor R. Bailey
Councillor A. M. Cooper
Councillor R. J. Geater
Councillor Mrs S. M. Geater
Councillor C. S. Ginger
Councillor T. J. Hawkins
Councillor T. E. Hodgson
Councillor W.H. Howard
Councillor J. N. Last
Councillor A. J. Nunn
Councillor J. Sparrow

13. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7th May 2013 be signed as a true record.
14. **Apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Boast and Cllr Parker.
15. **Chairman's Communications.** The Chairman reported that she had, on 19th May, attended the mayor making at Aldeburgh and had been very pleased to witness the praise given there to Leiston Royal British Legion band. Unfortunately she had not been available to attend the memorial service at Leiston airfield on 26th May and thanked Cllr Cooper, her Vice Chairman, for representing the Council at that event. She also reported that, at the Film Theatre Committee's briefing the previous week, she was pleased to have been able to present Mr Wayne, Burns, the Theatre Manager, with a crystal memento in appreciation and recognition of his 21 years service at the Film Theatre.
16. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Howard declared an interest in Agenda item 8 as a member of CANE. Cllr Last in the planning application for 14 Prospect Place, Cllr Hawkins in the Long Shop application for grant aid. Cllr Ginger declared an interest in the cinema as a relative worked there and Cllr Nunn and Cllr Mrs Nunn also in the cinema as members of the Film Theatre Support Club.
17. **Film Theatre Committee meeting of 28th May.** Members discussed the briefing that they had received from the Cinema Manager the previous week with regard to the need for, and proposals to implement, new changing rooms at the Film Theatre to enable live shows to continue in the future. This was really a recap of everything that had been discussed since last September and Mr Driver had produced a scheme for a single storey extension which Chartered Surveyors had costed up and compared to the planned second storey extension for members to see how this option looked. The notes from this briefing are attached. At the briefing there had been a general resolve to look more seriously at the project (and not to dismiss it) so that the funding implications could be looked at and the community benefit could be assessed against the potential costs of the project. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed that the Council proceed with intent and that the Clerk be asked to produce a report for the July meeting.
18. **Highways Working Party meeting of 21st May.** Members noted the minutes from the Working Party meeting with Mr Chennery where the issues of the mini TRO (parking restrictions) for Kings Road and elsewhere were discussed along with the need to raise the

height of the railway line across Station Road, flooding problems and speeding. Members asked the Clerk to investigate how to obtain the speed data necessary to be able to request speed warning signs around the town. He was also asked to try and get a meeting with network rail at the affected crossing and to investigate how the charges for carrying out a TRO were made up. He was also asked to try and get Anglian Water and the Environment Agency to meet with the Council to explain the true situation with regard to the sewage and drainage system in the town.

19. **Meeting with SCS Ltd. due 5th June.** Cllr Mrs Geater asked that the length of the grass and the use of weedkiller on the Pond Meadow be raised at the meeting.
20. **NDA consultation on ILW and FED disposal.** Members noted the consultation on how to store the Intermediate Level Waste and how to treat the Fuel Element Debris at Sizewell A. The options included bringing ILW and FED from other sites and using Sizewell A as the main store or possibly moving the small amount at the A station elsewhere. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Nunn and agreed that the Council respond by proposing that no ILW waste is moved from any of the sites and that it be retained in storage at each site. It was also agreed that the NDA be requested to revisit their proposal to process the FED and ILW on site before storage as the Council made it clear that they were not in favour of dissolution as this dispersed the problem to the environment.
21. **Land transfers – Update on the Allotments, King George Avenue Recreation Ground and Haylings Pond.**
 - a) **Valley Road Allotments.** Members were pleased to note that a contract was being drafted to offer the allotments at nil cost. There would be a 70% clawback/overage provision which would take into account any capital investment in the site by the Town Council in the future but there was just some tidying up to be done with regard to if the Council were ever to gift the land to a social landlord (for instance) and how the overage provision would work then.
 - b) **King George Avenue Recreation Ground.** Members were pleased to note that this too was proceeding well and would soon be offered formally under the terms agreed earlier in the year.
 - c) **Haylings Pond Meadow.** Members were informed that there was still some work to be done on this site as the financial implications for maintenance and restructuring around the pond banks was still not yet clear.

During the above item Cllr R Bailey declared a personal interest.

22. **Committee Meetings and Schedules.** Members discussed the principles of holding various meetings of the Council in public or not (working parties, committees, steering groups etc.). The motion, proposed by Cllr R Bailey and seconded by Cllr Howard, was that all those bodies established by the Town Council at their AGM should be held in public subject to the usual confidentiality provisions. Members noted that the Community Centre wasn't conveniently available a lot of the week and the Council Chamber was unfortunately not fully accessible. This wasn't a problem however but members felt, confirmed by a vote, that some of the working parties (which met with County Officers for instance) were more suited to being held in a workmanlike manner than in a formal Council style and that the status quo should be retained. It was also re-iterated that no Committees or groups have authority to make decisions on Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council and each group who produces a report or makes a recommendation has to put it in front of full Council for discussion and vote in the public arena.

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The meeting took a break for refreshment from 9.05pm – 9.20pm

24. **Finance.**

- a) **Accounts for payment.** It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £33,285.98p along with £10,558.49p paid since the last meeting be approved for payment.

- b) **Approve accounts for 2012/2013.** Members had studied and asked questions on the completed accounts for 2012/2013 along with the Internal Auditors final report for the end of year. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed that the accounts for 2012/2013 and the Accounting Statement on the Annual Return be approved, the Internal Auditors' report be noted and that the Chairman be given approval to sign the Annual Governance Statement on their behalf.
- c) **Risk Assessment review.** Members discussed the report presented by the Clerk and asked relevant questions to assure themselves that they were satisfied with its content. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed that members accepted that a proper and thorough risk assessment had been carried out covering all physical, financial and governance risks which the Council could reasonably be expected to encounter and that appropriate measures were in place to cover or reduce those risks where possible
- d) **Internal Audit and Internal Control Review.** Members noted the report on Internal Controls and the Clerks recommendation for appointment of Internal Auditors for 2013-2014. It was proposed by Cllr Hawkins, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed that Heelis and Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditors to the Council for 2013/2014.
- e) **Chairman's and Members Allowances.** Members noted the Clerk's report and confirmed on a proposition from Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Howard that the Chairman's Allowance remain at £1,000 and that members allowance, if it is taken up, be £100.

25. Planning.

- a) **C13/0817 – Erection of two storey rear extension to replace existing substandard addition at 14 Prospect Place, Leiston.**

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- b) **C13/0930 – 128 Haylings Road, Leiston. To construct a new single storey extension to the south east corner of bungalow. Construction to provide sanitary accommodation and to construct a new detached workshop/garage in the south east corner of the site.** SCDC would be asked to ensure the workshop element would be for domestic use only. Cllr Hawkins abstained.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- c) **C13/ 0892 – Submission of details pursuant to conditions 9 and 13 of planning permission C10/0550 (Reference number 12.09.04/37c) for Dry Fuel Store at Sizewell B Power Station, Sizewell Power Station Road, Leiston.** Members noted the increase in height and footprint proposed for the store and also the inclusion of a concrete crusher in the plant list. SCDC would be asked to ensure that suitable strict conditions be put on the operation of this plant to protect residents from noise and dust. Cllr Hawkins abstained, Cllr Howard and Cllr R Bailey voted against.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- d) **C13/0896 – Replacement of part of northern and western perimeter security fence (2.4m height concrete palisade) with new 3.0m height steel palisade fence at Sizewell A, Sizewell Power Station, Sizewell Power Station Road, Leiston.** Cllr Hawkins abstained.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

During the above item, the time reaching 10.00pm, it was proposed by Cllr Hawkins, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended for 30 minutes to allow business to be concluded.

26. County Matters

- a) **Crown Street.** Members asked the Clerk to draw Highways attention to the deteriorating surface on Crown Street by the Car Park.

27. District Matters.

- a) **SALC.** Cllr R Bailey reported that Town and Parish Councils would now be included in the Sustainable Communities Act - an issue that SALC had been strongly campaigning for.

28. Correspondence.

- a) **CATS.** Members noted the request for grant aid from CATS and, on a proposition from Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Bailey, it was agreed to donate £200 toward a new minibus.
- b) **Sizewell and Leiston Karate Club.** Members noted the request for funding help from the Sizewell and Leiston Karate Club and, on a proposition from Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Last, it was agreed to donate £100.
- c) **Film Theatre Support Club.** Members noted the request from the Support Club for a prize for their forthcoming draw. On a proposition from Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Sparrow, it was agreed to give them £50.
- d) **Long Shop Museum.** Members noted the request from the Long Shop Museum for grant funding and, on a proposition from Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Hodgson, it was agreed to grant £1,600. Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Ginger abstained.
- e) **High School Bus Shelter.** Members noted an e-mail from a pupil at Alde Valley School requesting grant funding to erect a bus shelter for him and his fellow pupils to keep dry when waiting for the school buses. He stated that the school could not afford to provide one but members were unsure where the site in question was. Cllr Howard undertook to e-mail the pupil and request more information and to invite him along to come and address the Council.
- f) **Ipswich Mailcentre.** Members noted the worrying letter from the Communication Workers Union drawing attention to the preferred option of Royal Mail of processing all mail in the future at Chelmsford and to close the Ipswich Mail sorting office. They pointed out the effect the extra 90 minutes that this added to the journey and would therefore have on delivery and collection times. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that the deterioration of service that this would mean was not accepted and that the Council support the CWU in trying to keep Ipswich open.

29. Questions to the Chairman.

- a) **Highbury Cottage Footpath.** Cllr Howard asked if there had been any news from Goatlee Solicitors with regard to the proposed footpath. The Clerk reported that there was still no meaningful correspondence to pass on but he was trying to secure a meeting.

There being no more business the meeting finished at 10.29 pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----