

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on TUESDAY,
29th JULY 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor A. M. Cooper (in the chair)
Councillor D. Bailey
Councillor D. Boast
Councillor R. J. 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 Mrs A. V. Nunn
Councillor Mrs J. Sparrow

56. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1st July 2014 be signed as a true record.
57. **Apologies.** There were apologies from Cllr Parker and Cllr Mrs Geater.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow Mr Osman to present the new Sizewell
Emergency Arrangements.

58. **Mr Andrew Osman.** Mr Osman gave a presentation on the formulation and intended implementation of the new Emergency arrangements that have been agreed and which are now being put in place should an accident happen at Sizewell which exposes the local community to a radiation hazard. He gave an overview of decisions that had occurred over the last couple of years which have led to the current situation and why the arrangements had changed. He then gave members a handout which he talked through that explained the key points of the new arrangements and the key terms used in the planning of them. This is attached to these minutes. He reported that he had presented the initial changes to the SSG in May and was going to attend the September SSG with representatives from other organisations (DECC, ONR, NHS and EDF) who would be better placed to answer many of the more detailed questions on policy formulation. Cllr Ginger asked him which postcodes were in the new 1km zone for urgent countermeasures. Cllr Howard reminded Mr Osman that nuclear accidents that have happened have all been “unforeseen” and have all required more measures to be taken than are contained in the new arrangements. Mr Osman re-iterated that he was required to plan for the reasonably foreseeable scenario but accepted that there could be a bigger unforeseen accident. He felt that, in this instance he would be well placed to do something immediately and that, in time, other agencies and other measures would be taken to assist. All emergencies would start out as locally controlled incidents however. There were discussions on the various ways that could be employed to contact people in the new DEPZ and how mobile phone technology was being investigated to become one of those methods. Mr Osman clarified that SCDC planning department had received new guidance on development in the town which depended on the effect it would have on Mr Osman’s ability to implement the

emergency plan. Currently, all the proposed sites around the town for future development, have been incorporated into that plan so this would not be a reason for refusal should plans come forward. Miss Oliver asked about the spent fuel in the dry fuel store. Mr Osman confirmed that they are included in EDF's risk assessment. Mr Taylor reminded the meeting that the safety case for the Dry Fuel Store and the flasks intended for use in the store had not yet been approved by ONR. He reported that the SSG were not happy with the ONR's DEPZ as they felt it should be bigger. He questioned whether the ONR had followed the guidance issued by the International Atomic Energy Authority and wondered how DECC would be implementing directives currently being considered by the EU. He invited members to the SSG in September where he would be asking the relevant authorities to answer those questions.

Mr Osman departed at 8.30pm.

- 59. General questions from residents to Councillors.** Mr Taylor confided his suspicions to the meeting that he thought that BrightTribe, the new Academy sponsor for the High School, was funded by the nuclear industry and asked members to try and find out if this were so. Mr Briggs raised his concerns at the lack of adapted bungalows in the District and hoped more could be included amongst the affordable element of future developments.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.40pm.

- 60. Chairman's Communications.** The Chairman thanked members for their help and support during the recent Great War commemoration event and Mr Trevor Peskett and his team for organising such a superb day.
- 61. Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Ginger declared an interest in Agenda item 14a. Cllr Mr and Mrs Nunn in item 14a and Cllr Howard in items relevant to his membership of TASK and CANE.
- 62. Discussion on Mr Osman's presentation.** Members noted that the SSG meeting in September was an open meeting and members could attend and participate should they wish to follow up on any of the issues and points raised by Mr Osman's briefing.
- 63. Sizewell Parish Liaison Group.** Members discussed whether to continue membership of the SPLG in light of recent events where members felt that there had been a blurring of purpose through some prominent members of the group making it look like a campaign group by taking part in marches etc. This was not its purpose and Councillors hoped that this could be rectified as the body still had potential to fulfil its aims of representing ALL the parishes in its membership. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Nunn, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed that the Town Council continue to be members of SPLG. Cllr Howard and Cllr Ginger voted against.
- 64. Play Areas and Open Spaces – report from meeting with young people of 17th July.** The Clerk précised the recent meeting with young people where they had expressed their desire to:

- Increase the elements included in the skateboard park – specifically a “Kidney Bowl” and a “Spine” at some stage.
- Install a pumptrack on KGA recreation ground.

- Install a basketball hoop and around 16sq m of tarmac in front of it on Victory Park.
 - Look at installing a piece of equipment for climbing up – a net or something, on Victory Rd Recreation Ground.
- 65. Teen Shelter.** Members noted the quotation from Monster Play for the installation of a new Teen Shelter on the Skatepark. There were no competing quotes as the design had been chosen by the young people and the Monster Play product had been chosen ahead of other companies' designs. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Mrs Nunn and agreed that £10,600 be used from the play space reserve to install the new teen shelter.
- 66. Boules Court Victory Road Recreation.** Members discussed the quotes for installation of a Boules Court which had previously been agreed to be installed on the mid eastern boundary of the park. It was agreed to use NJB as the contractor and to initially install just one court with the option of adding a second if it proved popular. This was carried on a vote proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Howard that £2,000 be used from the playspace reserve to construct a Boules Piste.
- 67. Highbury Field Footway.** The clerk explained that he was having difficulty getting quotes for the work to be carried out. The contractors who specialise in this sort of work are very busy at this time of year and, despite chasing, he had only been able to secure one definite quote to date.
- 68. High Green Bus Shelter.** Everything was in place. Members had noted the cost of the base and how it could be taken from the LCTRS reserve (£1,700). The clerk was just waiting for a small lease from SCDC to allow the shelter to be erected on their land and then, if members wished he could go ahead. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Nunn and agreed that the clerk goes ahead with ordering the shelter and installing the base as soon as the lease is signed.
- 69. Finance.**
- a) **Accounts for payment.** It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed that accounts presented in the sum £10,360.34p along with £740.78p paid since the last meeting be approved for payment. Cheque 312077 was removed from the list as it was written in error.
- 70. Planning.**
- a) **DC14/2144/FUL – Extension to form First Floor multi purpose room and associated kitchenette, WC and storage including lift and staircase. Ground floor remodelling of male WC and changing rooms at Leiston Film Theatre, 74 High Street, Leiston.** Cllr Hawkins, Ginger and Cooper abstained.
Recommend Approval
- b) **Leiston Conservation Area consultation.** Members asked the Clerk to enquire whether it was possible to extend the area of the Conservation Area to include the frontage of Alde Valley Sixth Form Centre and also, to the east, to include the pebble and flint cottages around the entrance to, and the chapel in, the old Steer's Yard itself. Cllr Ginger asked for the Article 4(2) Direction to be applied to the Leiston area. (Permission has to be sought for changes to facia etc.)

- c) **Neighbourhood Plan update.** Show me event being planned for 27th September.

71. County Matters

- a) **Minutes from the Highways meeting of 15th July.** Members noted the minutes and the ongoing actions that arose from that meeting. Cllr Ginger pointed out that he had asked for the stop lines at the town centre traffic lights to all be taken back a yard or two and not just the Sizewell Road one. He also informed members that the Highways team had made a site visit to Heath View to examine the chewed up verge and undertook to get some quotations for its repair.

72. District Matters. Nothing raised

73. Questions to the Chairman.

- a) **Sizewell Road Car Park Toilets.** The Chairman was asked why the toilets were locked on the morning of the WW1 parade. Cllr Nunn was able to help as he had enquired and had been told that they were flooded from the previous evenings downpour. He pointed a useful emergency number for this sort of incident on the SCDC website of 01502 527133
- b) **East Suffolk Line.** Cllr Howard asked whether members would be happy for him to prepare a response the current consultation on whether to designate the East Suffolk Line as a Community Railway. All agreed.
- c) **Cinema in the Park.** Cllr Howard asked whether the Chairman was aware that a poster advertising this splendid event (on 30th August) had EDF as a Partnership Sponsor. He felt that the Council probably needed to discuss such matters if it looked like a Partnership had been entered into. The Clerk informed the meeting that EDF had sponsored the event with a donation of £3,000 and, along with other sponsors (including, for instance, the Leiston Charity Shop) was a partnership sponsor and not in partnership with the Council. The wording was unfortunate and had been changed on other publicity to Proud Sponsor.

There being no more business the meeting finished at 9.55 pm.

Chair -----

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