

**Pre-meeting Reports
6 December 2016**

128. County Councillor

Cllr Smith was unable to attend and tendered his apologies.

129. District Councillor

Cllr Pratt tendered his apologies. Cllr Cooper tabled a report for the meeting.

130. Public Forum

Mr King raised concerns regarding the response from EDF to the flood risk behind Carr Avenue as there appeared to be no evidence of a risk assessment being carried out. He requested a meeting with councillors to discuss this matter.

Mr Briggs reported he wrote to EDF regarding the ditch and the response he received confirmed it would be monitored.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on
TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs L Hill (in the Chair)
Councillor D Bailey
Councillor Mrs S Betson
Councillor D Boast
Councillor T Cooper
Councillor C Ginger
Councillor P Harle
Councillor T E Hodgson
Councillor W M Howard
Councillor J Last
Councillor Mrs S Levermore
Councillor D Morsley
Councillor C Nichols
Councillor M Taylor**

131. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1 November 2016 be signed as a true record.

132. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Geater.

133. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman attended the formal opening of the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art at Newmarket by her Majesty the Queen, meeting other dignitaries and civic representatives from Suffolk. She attended the Remembrance Concert on 9 November at the Film Theatre and on Remembrance Sunday proudly placed a wreath on behalf of the Town Council. The Chairman thanked all those involved with planning the events and the organisations and members of the community that supported them. The Chairman reported that the Government, on advice from Historic England, had listed the Leiston War Memorial at Grade II. One of the principal reasons given for the designation under the section 'historic interest' was as an eloquent witness to the tragic impact on the local community and the sacrifice it made in the conflicts of the twentieth century. The Chairman also visited Leiston Leisure Centre to see one of Leiston Swimming Club's championship competitions taking place. She was impressed with the number and age range of young people taking part and their many supporters. A very professional feel to the event and the scoreboard showing their timings added to the experience. The Chairman attended the public meeting of the Leiston & District Community Partnership Annual General Meeting on 7 November. At the recent Leiston Celebrates Christmas event, the Chairman was invited to announce the winner of the Spot the Window competition and after judging with Nicky Corbett from EDF, also announced the winner of the Best Dressed Shop Window competition. She felt the combined efforts of the organisers with the support of businesses and residents had made this a very successful day. The Chairman thanked the Long Shop Museum and the Leiston & District Partnership for organising the event. The Chairman spent a festive afternoon at the Rose and Sweet William Club, presenting cards and vouchers to the members and took the opportunity on behalf of the Council, to thank Ann and Terry Davies for their long commitment to the Rose and Sweet William Club and the Lunch Club.

134. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cooper item 16, Cllr Bailey item 19, Cllr Howard items 5 and 19, Cllr Ginger item 16b.

135. Community Centre Management Group meeting - 8 November 2016

Minutes previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed to accept the recommendation to purchase larder style storage units. It was further proposed by Cllr Boast, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed to have broadband installed using TalkTalk as recommended by the Community Centre Management Group. Cllr Taylor asked for a usage review to be carried out during the year to see if it was a worthwhile expense. Cllr Hill informed Council that the Lunch Club will continue on Mondays only and further to the advertisement in the newsletter, a new volunteer had come forward to help.

136. Highways Committee meeting - 21 November 2016

Minutes previously circulated. After supportive discussion from councillors it was proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed to investigate a 40mph speed limit along Lovers Lane. Cllr Taylor suggested approaching EDF for funding of this project. A recommendation to investigate

deer signage on the Sizewell approach road was considered and it was proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed to contact Highways to investigate further, including criteria/evidence required. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed to accept the recommendation for Highways to undertake preliminary design and costings of the projects listed in the CIL report, except Kemp's Hill. Cllrs Ginger and Hodgson against.

137. Emergency Resilience Group

After a short discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed to dissolve this Group.

138. Leiston First

A briefing note had been previously circulated. Cllr Hill reported that interviews for the Leiston Change Manager role had taken place the day before and after a unanimous decision, the post has been offered to the successful candidate. Another meeting is scheduled for 14 December.

139. Norse Contract – Haylings Pond

A quote from Norse to undertake hedge cutting work at Haylings Pond had been circulated. Cllr Morsley felt this should be done on a more regular basis and Cllr Last suggested this is put on the agenda for the Norse meeting in January. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that the quote be accepted.

140. Rural and Affordable Housing Initiatives

Cllr Taylor felt the caravan park on King Georges Avenue would be a prime site for social housing units and suggested working with Flagship and the District Council to achieve this. A report from Cllr Betson had been circulated, who felt there is a need for this type of housing. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Levermore and agreed to set up a working party to investigate the options available and to report back to Council. It was noted that Cllrs Levermore, Betson, Howard and Cooper would make up the working party.

141. PCC Meeting – 29 November 2016

There were no actions from the meeting.

142. Finance and Personnel

a) Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £37,328.24 along with £17,297.10 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

b) Setting 2017/18 Precept

Report previously circulated. After lengthy discussion with various suggestions being put forward, it was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed to put funding into the precept for the sports field on King Georges Avenue, with the amount to be discussed in January. It

was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed to put funding into the precept for toilets on King Georges Avenue recreation ground and Victory Road recreation ground. Cllr Betson proposed funding should be added to the precept for Leiston First, which was seconded by Cllr Levermore but this was not carried. Cllr Hodgson was unsure what this funding would be for. Cllr Hill thought councillors might like to reassess this once a Development Plan has been agreed.

Cllr Cooper left the meeting at 8.40pm

143. Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation Site

A response from EDF was received regarding the flooding risk in Valley Road/Carr Avenue, and Cllr Last believed it was not particularly helpful. Cllr Last felt they had not given the evidence which had been requested. Cllr Taylor suggested that this should have been put in the planning application conditions within that site. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that a strongly worded letter be sent to Mr Crawford at EDF requesting risk assessments and evidence to support why it is deemed 'minimal risk'.

The meeting took a break from 8.50pm to 9.00pm

144. Planning Matters

DC/16/4564/FUL – Re-build of perimeter wall as original wherever feasible at Barkwith House, Haylings Road, Leiston.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DC/16/4134/FUL – Proposed housing development of 5 houses with associated parking and access at 7 Main Street, Leiston (behind Engineers Arms). Councillors had noted the comments of the Conservation Officer but some still felt this application was an overdevelopment, not in keeping and detrimental to the surrounding conservation area. Cllr Ginger requested a Section 106 Agreement be included for the Leiston Works Railway to safeguard the LWR proposals if the land was sold to a developer or the proposal passed.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

DC/16/4691/EIA – Relocation of a number of existing Sizewell B facilities to within and south of the existing Sizewell B station at Sizewell B, Sizewell Power Station. Councillors noted the report and Cllr Hodgson asked to include the impact on Sandy Lane in the assessment.

DC/16/4675/FUL – Proposed detached timber framed summer house at Dutch House, Huntingfield Road, Leiston.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DC/16/4544/FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension. South facing – 5.85m (wide) x 8.1m (length) x 3.7-3.0m (high) at 27 St Margaret's Crescent, Leiston.

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DC/16/5035/OUT – Use of land for erection of two dwellings, part side garden at 2 Abbey Road, Leiston. A previous application had been approved in July 2011 but councillors again highlighted concerns about the safety of an egress onto the B1122 at this point which are still current.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

Neighbourhood Plan

Briefing note previously circulated. Cllr Hill reported the referendum will take place on Thursday 9 February 2017.

145. County Matters

Cllr Ginger raised concerns that the paving blocks by the Engineers Arms have sunk and asked for Highways to investigate and repair. Cllr Hodgson mentioned the recent budget meeting he attended at Suffolk Coastal where it was noted SCC will increase their precept by 2% and are looking to increase voluntary sector work. Cllr Boast felt the HGV signs in Buller Road need repositioning as lorries are still trying to come down that road. Cllr Hill mentioned she is meeting Mike Ling, Highways Engineer and Cllr Nichols tomorrow to discuss the resurfacing work to the High Street.

146. District Matters

Cllr Hodgson reported that at the SALC Annual General Meeting on 14 November, our resolution for HGV satnav was narrowly defeated which was disappointing. It was deemed the weight limit should be enforced to avoid the problems we are experiencing. Cllr Hill will raise the issue of HGVs at the next Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting. Decriminalisation of parking was passed so the District Council can now take this over from the Police in due course.

147. Correspondence

Band of the Royal British Legion, Leiston

Cllrs Bailey and Howard left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Levermore and agreed to grant up to £1,500 towards their trip to Ireland next year.

Leiston and District ASB Meeting

Cllr Morsley was confused over the abbreviations used in the report and asked if the Clerk could ask for these to be expanded to the full title in the future.

Norfolk and Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company

An offer of community payback groups assisting with work and projects in the town was discussed. Cllr Nichols felt that was a good idea and suggested a list be compiled. It was agreed that councillors would give the Deputy Town Clerk any suggestions and she would compile a list.

Removal of BT Payphones

Suffolk Coastal is consulting on BT's current programme of proposed public payphone removals. Councillors agreed that the payphones at St Margaret's

Crescent and Southfield Drive be removed. Cllr Last mentioned that the fire station has a reference to the payphone at the Crown Hotel and that may be an issue if this is removed.

148. Sizewell C Consultation

A report had been previously circulated. After lively discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed to have a public meeting on 13 December, 6.30pm with Planning Aid and to invite Tom McGarry from EDF to attend later for a Council meeting. Cllr Boast submitted his apologies. A further meeting was pencilled in for 20 December.

During the above item, the time reaching 10pm, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that standing orders be suspended to allow business to continue for a further 15 minutes.

149. Middle School Site

A report had been previously circulated. The Clerk confirmed it is unlikely we will have the site until late summer next year so suggested putting £10,000 into the precept to cover a 6 month period which would suffice. This was agreed in principal.

150. Questions to the Chairman

Healthwatch

Cllr Howard asked if Healthwatch could be invited to a future Council meeting, after the Sizewell C Consultation has ended, regarding ambulance response times.

Housing Allocation

Cllr Bailey felt the allocation of housing should be for local people and not those out of the district.

The meeting finished at 10.15pm.

Chair

Dated
