

**Pre-meeting Reports**  
**5 September 2017**

**88. EDF – Nuclear New Build Update**

Mr John McNamara, Community Relations manager for EDF, introduced himself to the meeting. He had previously worked at Sizewell B, Nuclear Industry Association and NuGen and has been in this role just 2 months. He stated EDF will formally feedback on Stage 2 consultation later in the Autumn with a community forum and a project newsletter dedicated to response. Dates and venues will be announced in due course.

Mr McNamara then answered questions. Cllr Howard asked that EDF consult with LTC should they pay any regard to the accommodation campus report submitted by SCC as there was no input or consultation from SCC with the Town Council before they published it. If they look at any of the alternatives then there should be open dialogue with the Town Council as they do so.

Mr McNamara noted the council's position and said EDF Energy was happy to engage with the council openly and transparently. He reiterated that the company would pay regard to the report, but that it was not part of the formal Stage 2 consultation, and that the company still considered the on-site campus as their preferred option. Cllr Hodgson (and Cllr Last later) asked about timescales for consultation on future public access on the Aldhurst Farm wildlife site. Mr McNamara felt that the site might need a little more time to bed in before that stage but undertook to report back to the council to clarify an indicative timeline for consultation on amenity use and meeting the terms of the planning application for Aldhurst. Cllr Harle asked about other EDF EPR projects and the progress being made. Mr McNamara updated the meeting on Olkiluoto, Flamanville, Taishan (1&2) and Hinkley. He clarified to a resident that the engineering work he referred to in his presentation was in fact engineering studies – ie engineering options for delivering the various options and associated developments for the overall project.

There was a discussion on energy policy and strike price etc. with Mr McNamara re-iterating that SZC was in the design and development stage and that the project team were working towards a final investment decision once all development issues such as Development Consent (planning permission) etc was completed. In answer to a question on the strike price for Sizewell, asked by a member of the public, Mr McNamara confirmed that Hinkley's strike price would drop to an already agreed lower rate IF Sizewell C is constructed, but confirmed this was not the strike price for Sizewell, and that this would be negotiated with Government much later in the development phase, and closer to the final investment decision. He also added that under the current agreements with Government, nuclear new build developers would take the construction risk and pay for the station to be built, having negotiated a strike price. This differed from the previous system where the Government (and taxpayer) took the risk and paid for construction.

The Chairman thanked Mr McNamara and looked forward to inviting him to attend a future meeting at the end of the year.

*During the above item, the time reached 7.30pm, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger and seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the public session to complete.*

**89. County Councillor**

County Cllr Rainger mentioned that the SCC Priorities document is now on the website relating to growth aspirations and public services. He also gave some information regarding new plans for windfarm developments. Consultation sessions will be arranged in due course for residents to view the proposals and leaflets will be circulated. The Local Plan document is also available and he encouraged all to view it. Cllr Betson was dismayed that SCC did not consult with Leiston Town Council regarding the campus site report recently published and Cllr Howard commented that the £25,000 cost of the report was wasteful considering free bus passes had been withdrawn for students. A resident asked if a 40mph speed limit would be imposed along Lover's Lane due to speeding traffic and the new wildlife habitat. County Cllr Rainger said this was currently being discussed and Cllr Ginger reported that a desk-top study had been completed by Highways and unfortunately the findings did not meet the criteria for a 40mph speed limit. Cllr Hill mentioned that the Recycling Centre had agreed to fund the costs of signage and cutting back verges/hedges to give more visibility for motorists in that area. A resident raised concerns that there is no enforcement on motorists parking on double yellow lines and pavements. County Cllr Rainger agreed this is a big problem and the District Council will be taking over responsibility from the Police for parking enforcement in 2019. Another resident raised concerns that tractors are speeding along Haylings Road, mounting the pavements and causing safety issues for pedestrians. He also felt the lights on the pedestrian crossing were poor and suggested LED lights. Cllr Hill replied that concerns regarding the lights had previously been raised with Highways and LED lights had been suggested but Highways said these were now illegal and that the current lights were satisfactory.

**90. District Councillor**

A report from Cllr Cooper had been previously circulated.

**91. Public Forum**

No further questions were raised.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on  
TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2017 at 8.10pm**

**PRESENT**

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

**92. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1 August 2017 be signed as a true record.

**93. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from District Cllr Pratt and Cllr Cooper.

**94. Chairman's Communications**

The Chairman attended the Inspire Team Programme Celebration Event on 3 August at the Community Centre. Inspire Suffolk works in partnership with the Prince's Trust to improve the lives of young people aged between 16 and 25. She was very moved and inspired to hear the young people tell the story of their journeys and was delighted to be asked to present them with their certificates to acknowledge their achievement. The Chairman accepted an invitation from Carol Cotton, the Town Pastors Co-ordinator, to walk around with them on the evening of Friday 11 August to see how they operated around the town. She met the volunteers and visited 7 pubs and clubs, giving out coasters advertising the Round Britain Cycle Race. The Chairman gave a quote for the new Town Pastors leaflet on her evening experience. On 19 August the Chairman attended the Leiston Allotment Holders and Gardeners Association Annual Flower Show at the LTAA to present the Town Council award for the best allotment. This award was presented to Mr Arthur Whiting, who also won it last year! She enjoyed looking at the exhibits and talking to the people involved. The Chairman was pleased to see that the recent Clerks and Councils Direct publication had printed two articles that she submitted on the Tidy the Town event with the headline of 'Community Pride on Suffolk Day' and also the 'Freedom Award for Long Service' which refers to the Council

granting Trevor Hawkins the Honorary Freedom of the Town. The Chairman reminded everyone of the Tour of Britain cycle race passing through Leiston on Friday afternoon.

**95. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hill for item 6 in correspondence.

**96. Mr McNamara's Presentation**

No further questions were raised.

**97. Leiston Together**

Mrs Gibson gave an update on recent activities. Barry Norman had recently been appointed as the new Chairman of the Board, which now includes Alison Wheatland, the Locality Officer at SCC and County Cllr Rainger. Two new posts have been advertised for a Social Prescribing Link Worker and a Dementia Project Officer and interviews are scheduled next week.

**98. Housing Group Update**

Councillors noted the report, previously circulated. Cllr Hill reported that Cllr Cooper had resigned from the group and it was agreed that Cllr Casagrande would replace him. The current membership is now Cllrs Hill, Betson, Levermore, Howard and Casagrande. Cllr Betson thanked the Housing Group for all their input so far.

**99. Community Land Trusts**

Members noted Cllr Betson's report and recommendations arising from the presentation given to Council in August by Mrs Debbie Wildridge. After further discussion it was proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Levermore and agreed that Leiston and District Community Partnership be asked to lead the development of a Leiston Community Land Trust to implement the town centre regeneration in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan. It was further proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that Leiston Town Council assist LDGP in identifying appropriate members of the initial steering group, to include Council representation, and that the Council facilitate co-operation between the steering group and feasibility study being undertaken by Navigus.

**100. County Council SZC Accommodation Campus Review**

Members noted the final report from Boyers, commissioned by the County Council, which outlined some alternative options for a Sizewell C accommodation campus that the County Council were urging EDF to investigate. They noted the letter from the Clerk to EDF, and the response, which was enquiring whether or not a further stage of consultation would be needed if EDF did indeed feel inclined to start altering their accommodation proposals. Although unlikely to happen, it was felt that no harm could be done by responding in kind to the Boyer report to ensure EDF were aware of

Leiston-cum-Sizewell residents views on the findings in the report to add balance. The Clerk had previously circulated a draft response to the report and, on a proposal from Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Casagrande it was agreed to ratify the draft and send it to EDF and also send copies, with appropriate amendments, to SCC and Therese Coffey MP. Cllrs Howard and Ginger against.

#### **101. Highways Meeting of 22 August**

Members noted the minutes from the Highways committee meeting held on 22 August. With regards to the suggested deer signs along the Sizewell approach road, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed to go ahead and order two signs costing £1,200-£1,500. Cllr Levermore suggested approaching Galloper Wind Farm as well as EDF for some funding. Cllr Ginger tabled a plan of the pedestrian crossing in Haylings Road with barriers to prevent young people crossing from Victory Road park without looking. Highways had concerns if barriers were installed it would significantly reduce motorists' visibility at that junction. After further discussion it was proposed by Cllr Nichols, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed to have a site visit at the crossing.

#### **102. SSG Report**

Cllr Howard reported no minutes had been received from the previous meeting, with the next scheduled meeting next week. He was aware secretarial support had been cut so there was no-one to clerk this meeting. County Cllr Rainger thought the meeting was now on 28 September and will get confirmation.

#### **103. Current Projects and Aspirations**

Cllr Cooper was not in attendance but he had wanted to propose a meeting to discuss moving forward and to seek clarity on current projects in the pipeline, ie the middle school site. Cllr Last, in supporting this suggestion, also felt there was much more clarity on the ideas that were being muted on the future location of the town amenities and thought that in achieving better clarity it would help Navigus in their forthcoming work for the Council and ensure value for money. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Levermore and agreed to arrange such a meeting after discussions with SCC and the first sight of the Navigus feasibility study had been seen.

#### **104. Finance and Personal**

##### **a) Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £29,421.06 along with £17,035.33 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

*The meeting took a break from 9.25pm to 9.35pm*

## 105. Planning Matters

DC/17/2180/FUL – Existing sectional concrete garage with asbestos cement roofing to be demolished. A 2-storey side extension with 2 bedrooms, 1 ensuite and 1 shower room on first floor and double garage on ground floor. Existing kitchen and external w/c to be demolished and replace with new kitchen and garden room - 14 Westward Ho, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

DC/17/3306/FUL – Replacing existing windows with the VEKA System 10 PVC-U casement windows at 74-76A Waterloo Avenue, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

DC/17/3414/FUL – Single storey front extension to increase size of sitting room at 17 Red House Lane, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

DC/17/3595/TPO – Various tree maintenance issues – The Barn, Badger Wood Lane, Leiston. Councillors recommended referral to Nick Newton, the SCDC Tree Officer, for his recommendation.

**RECOMMEND REFERRAL**

DC17/3745/FUL - Extension - 2 Southfield Drive Leiston IP16 4DP

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

DC17/3653/ARM – Approval of Reserved Matters on application DC/16/0527/OUT – Erection of 20 dwellings with associated paths, landscaping and boundary walls, gates and fences. Re-positioning of existing vehicular access to new drive and parking area – appearance, landscaping and scale at Gas Works, Carr Avenue, Leiston. Cllr Howard against the application.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

DC/17/3602/LBC – Listed Building Consent – extension to dwelling, demolish existing extension and propose a new extension at Hunts Barn, Haylings Road, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

DC/17/2863/FUL – Construction of building and equipment to facilitate part of the decommissioning programme at Sizewell A, Sizewell Power Station

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

## 106. County Matters

Nothing was raised.

**107. District Matters**

Cllr Bailey raised concerns again regarding the Sizewell car park barrier and the response we received from Suffolk Coastal. Cllr Ginger suggested this could be raised at the Sizewell Beach Management meeting with SCDC on 14 September. Cllr Betson felt the Council should comment on SCDC’s housing document, with the deadline being 29 September this needs to be actioned. Cllr Hill proposed Cllr Betson drafts a report and circulates to councillors for their comments before the final report is sent. All agreed.

*It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Nichols and agreed that, the time being 10pm, Standing Orders be suspended for 20 minutes to permit continuing discussion of Council business.*

**108. Correspondence**

Public Protection Order consultation

Members noted the consultation letter. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Geater and agreed to recommend the PSPOs.

Black and White Productions

A request was received for a donation towards a new play about Elizabeth Garrett Anderson. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed to grant £50.00 towards the production.

MINGLE

A request was received for a donation to support a local social club for adults with learning difficulties. It was proposed by Cllr Casagrande, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed to grant £100.00 to this organisation.

Help Plan the Future of the District

SCDC are offering public consultation events regarding its Local Plan with various dates available. Names to the Clerk if councillors are interested in attending.

**109. Questions to the Chairman**

Cllr Howard asked if anyone can put adverts up on the corner railings at Victory Road park. The Clerk advised the football club, church and Long Shop have permission. Cllr Betson suggested Mr Wilson, the Principle at Alde Valley Academy, should be invited to the November meeting to hear how the school is moving forward. She also wanted to thank Mr Hanger for all the artwork in the shops in the town. Cllr Harle mentioned a donation from the charities fund had helped a young family buy a carpet. Cllr Betson mentioned an event on the first Sunday in October called Silver Sunday.

The meeting finished at 10.15pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----