

## Pre-meeting Reports 2 October 2018

### 96. PC Simon Green

The Chairman introduced PC Simon Green who explained to the meeting that he was the new Community Engagement Officer for our Safer Neighbourhood Area. It was a new post designed to re-engage with the community to fill the partial void that had been left with all the recent changes to areas and reductions in staff. The link with towns and parishes and community policing had suffered during this time and Suffolk Constabulary had introduced this post to address that. PC Green explained his role which included the updating of social media to ensure it was current and to attend Town and Parish Councils on request when issues arose. He would also present the annual crime statistics each year at the AGM. PC Green answered various questions and the Chairman thanked him for coming to the meeting.

### 97. County Councillor

County Cllr Rainger was not in attendance and had submitted his apologies. The SCC Parish Newsletter was tabled. Cllr Hodgson strongly objected to the political logo on the cover of the newsletter which he felt was inappropriate.

### 98. District Councillor

Cllr Cooper gave his apologies and his October report was tabled at the meeting. Cllr Geater reported that she had attended a meeting looking at promoting healthy eating from the District's takeaways. Cllr Ginger raised concerns that the Housing Gateway system did not state a deadline when offering properties. Cllr Casagrande had heard the Heart Foyer (Access Community Trust) had been taken over by Flagship and that the current residents would be re-housed.

### 99. Public Forum

A resident raised concerns that nothing was reported back on issues being discussed at the August JLAG Group meeting on coastal processes. Regarding the SPR briefing he felt the plans were wrong as the Galloper site is not included within them.

A resident representing Save Our Sandlings (SOS) was very concerned on the substation plans from SPR within the AONB and the Council's backing of these plans. Another resident implored the Council to look after Sizewell as this area is the only piece of open space left and it is very precious to them.

A resident from Leiston Works Railway gave a brief update on the latest plans and thanked the Council for their continued support with their project.

Cllr Harle mentioned that Lorna Brown is the new co-ordinator for the Town Pastors.

*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.*

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on  
TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2018 at 7.45pm**

**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 M Geater**  
**Councillor C Ginger**  
**Councillor P Harle**  
**Councillor T E Hodgson**  
**Councillor W H Howard**  
**Councillor S Levermore**  
**Councillor D Morsley**  
**Councillor S O'Reilly**

**100. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Geater, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 4 September 2018 be signed as a true record.

**101. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Last and Cllr Cooper.

*It was proposed by Cllr Ginger and seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Planning item 14(a) Scottish Power Renewables to be heard.*

**102. Scottish Power Renewables – Community Consultation Stage 3.5**

Cllr Howard raised strong objections to the Brome Covert proposals. SPR are holding a public consultation meeting on 9 October to engage further discussions with the public on the project. The consultation ends on 29 October. Cllr Hill proposed an extraordinary Council meeting be held on 16 October to enable councillors to discuss the public meeting outcomes and to then write a response, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed.

**103. Chairman's Communications**

Cllr Mrs Hill reported as follows:

On the 10 September, I together with Cllr Harle accepted an invitation from the Leiston Youth Club to attend their AGM. The Town Council were thanked for their financial support and a copy of their accounts has been tabled under Agenda item 13. As well as hearing of the good work the Youth Club undertake and of their plans it was pleasing to meet two young people who have recently agreed to help at the Club.

Together with Cllr Harle and Cllr Hodgson we attended the official launch of Suffolk College on the Coast on 18 September. At the launch it was indicated that 33 students were now attending and that this number was on the rise. I also found myself along with others being interviewed for Radio Suffolk. There was an opportunity to look round the college and see the students in their classes and view the social areas. I am sure we all wish the college every success.

Later that day, I was pleased to present certificates to children who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge run by staff and volunteers at Leiston Library. The children also received a medal to mark their achievement. I was advised the number had increased this year and this was reflected in the Long Shop Museum being filled to capacity with children, parents and grandparents.

On the 20 September I attended an Open Evening at Alde Valley Academy. There were two sessions and I went along to the early session which was well attended by prospective students and parents. Everyone had the opportunity to view the school and talk to staff and students. There was also a presentation from the Principal, Mr Dan Mayhew which included GCSE results that showed:

- Positive progress in English as a whole +0.40
- Positive Progress in Maths +0.40
- Science progress: Biology +0.47 - Chemistry +0.97 - Physics +0.60
  - Double Science +0.51

This means that if the score is zero then students have made 'expected progress' and +0.51 for example is half a GCSE grade better than an 'average school'.

Reference was made to transport changes that come into effect in September 2019. As we are aware SCC will transport students to their nearest school which effectively means that the 'Free school' will take over half of Alde Valley's catchment area. Alde Valley intend to devise a plan with local coach companies or minibus companies when student choices have been made at the end of October. They will endeavour to transport students for free from areas where there are a viable number of students but are unable to make that commitment to all.

Cllr Betson, Cllr Boast and I visited the Ambulance Response Unit in Norwich. This was a most interesting and worthwhile visit and we were allowed to witness and get a real insight into what goes on and how the staff manage the numerous calls calmly and efficiently. Cllr Boast has kindly written a more detailed report which is tabled under the correspondence item for tonight's meeting.

#### **104. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hill for Leiston Film Theatre. Cllr Howard in cheque 313853.

## **105. Leiston Together Update**

Cllr Hill explained that Mrs Gibson was not attending as there was no update on last month's report and that the Leiston Together Board were meeting on 4 October.

## **106. CLT Steering Group - Update**

Cllr Hill updated the meeting on this item thus:

The Leiston CLT have been successful in their application to Stage 3 of the CLT Start Up Fund for emerging CLTs. The amount of £1,730 has been received which will cover the cost of legal fees with regards incorporation which we hoped would be achieved on 1 October.

One of the main focuses of the CLT since our last meeting, has been the Housing Needs survey. The CLT have used the AECOM survey prepared for Eye Town Council as a template and made amendments. A teleconference was organised between SCDC officers, Leiston CLT and AECOM to discuss the next steps in getting this survey underway and each party agreed to a number of action points. This included Suffolk Coastal agreeing to arrange in house printing of the questionnaire and covering letter, Leiston CLT to arrange with Leiston Town Council for delivery to local households. Our two District Councillors have verbally indicated that they would be willing to support this work through their Enabling Fund and application forms are being processed. The Town Council have also agreed to contribute towards the cost of the survey.

Membership forms have been designed and agreed, together with a pop-up banner advertising the CLT. We are just waiting for our official registration number. We have recently been advised that EDF Energy and Galloper Offshore Wind Farm will cover the cost of these publicity materials.

Following the Council's decision last month for the Clerk to write to Suffolk Coastal District Council requesting their intentions on the town centre site it is understood that they are looking seriously at the Town Councils letter. The auction for the properties in Sizewell Road originally due to be held on 26 September is to be held on 5 December by Goldings at Wherstead, Ipswich.

The Leiston CLT are meeting on the afternoon of 4 October following the Leiston Together meeting and will be holding a public information session in the Leiston Co-op on Saturday 27 October from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

## **107. Waterloo Centre**

The Clerk briefed members that the centre had hosted its first hirers on 25 September and that, this week, the gymnasium was booked for four evenings. There was only one daytime booking so far but the Leiston youth football teams were staging matches on the field on Saturdays, training on Tuesdays and were hiring the gym on Mondays for indoor training in the early evening. The Council had employed a Leiston lady to undertake the caretaking and cleaning duties and she was gradually getting familiar with the premises and helping to bring it up to a good standard. There were still some issues and repairs to be done but none that affected the fire safety or that posed a risk to

anyone hiring the premises. They were generally cosmetic and to increase usability. Cllr Ginger asked if the football away team coach could use the centre site to park. The Clerk advised he would contact the football club and it would be a future agenda item.

**108. Sizewell Annual Beach Meeting – 12 September 2018**

Councillors noted the report.

**109. SALC Area Meeting**

Cllr Hodgson briefed members on the recent SALC area meeting.

**110. Allotment Walkround – 25 September 2018**

The Clerk briefed members on the recent inspection of the allotments by the allotment committee.

**111. Open Spaces Walkround – 26 September 2018**

Cllr Hill gave a brief report on the recent open spaces walkround which, this time, was done on King Georges Avenue recreation ground and the Community Orchard. Everything was looking good, being well used and, all the points brought up on the day, had since been addressed by Norse.

**112. There but not there – Aluminium Tommy**

Councillors discussed the possibility of purchasing a 6 foot aluminium “Tommy” to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day 1918. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger to purchase a ‘Tommy’ and if the Church were supportive of this venture for it to be positioned by the town’s official war memorial, this was seconded by Cllr Bailey. Some councillors felt it would be better placed in another part of the town where it would be seen by more people. Cllr O’Reilly proposed an amendment to the motion to site it in a different location, seconded by Cllr Levermore but this was not agreed. A vote was taken on Cllr Ginger’s proposal but that was not carried either.

**113. Finance and Personnel**

a) Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Casagrande and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £20,437.80p along with £20,464.51p paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

b) External Auditors report for 2017/2018

The external auditors had returned part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability return signed to indicate that no matters had been brought to their attention and that the audit was complete. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed that the report be accepted.

c) Leiston Youth Club AGM – 10 September 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed to accept the report.

- d) Personnel Committee – Facilities Co-ordinator Update  
The Clerk informed the meeting that 3 people had applied, 1 subsequently dropped out leaving 2 candidates being interviewed on Friday.

#### 114. Planning Matters

- a) Scottish Power Renewables – Community Consultation Stage 3.5  
Previously covered at minute 102.
- b) DC/18//3597/FUL – The proposal is to relocate 2 of the 13.8m lighting towers from the north west corner off to the south of the ground to provide an additional floodlit training area. This is to benefit all age groups ranging from under 8's up to the adult sides in the winter months. Leiston Town Athletics Association, Victory Road, Leiston  
Members felt that this was a useful facility for the young footballers but insisted that use be restricted to 10pm.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- c) DC/18/3345/VOC – Application Reference DC/18/0548/FUL – Date of Decision 13/04/2018 – Condition Number 2 - Proposed revisions to approved drawings as noted below to allow approval under the Building Regulations:

1. Insertion of new obscure glazed dormer window to the northern elevation of plot 1, bedroom 1 to provide means of escape as required by AD B1, paragraph 2.4a and paragraph 2.8
2. Revision to access drive and turning to provide suitable access and turning for fire brigade vehicles as required by AD B1 paragraph 11.2. The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out other than in complete accordance with drawing nos 1975, 01 rev B and 02 rev B received on 03.04.2018 and drawings 1569 110 B and 1569 115 B in respect of plot 1 fenestration and drawing 1569 200 A in respect of site access and brigade turning.

At part of rear garden, The Old Vicarage, 2 King Edward Road, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- d) DC/18/3697/FUL - Redevelopment of former Leiston School to provide eleven units of residential accommodation, private amenity space, access, parking and associated infrastructure and ancillary works - Former Leiston School, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston

The developers attempt to keep this heritage asset as close to the existing as possible is appreciated and welcomed.

Members would expect your conservation officer to be involved in the choice of materials throughout on the exterior works and the door designs on the frontage in particular. The CAD images gave a false impression perhaps but a more sympathetic choice than depicted would be hoped for. The Neighbourhood Plan Policy LG2 requires that the design contributes to and enhances the green space along the frontage. Members expect this to be looked at very closely and would welcome conditions going forward that insists this be open plan and kept as grass. They would certainly not wish to see different styles of fencing or garden designs that would detract from the overall view of this building. This would definitely also mean the

incorporation of an off-street bin store somewhere for these properties so they are not tempted to just leave them out the front or build separate stores. A cycle store may be beneficial too. Cllr Howard against.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- e) DC/18/3788/VOC - Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Consent DC/15/3018/FUL (Change of Use of South Wing of Colonial House to form 10 flats with associated parking, bin store, cycle store) - Colonial House, Station Road, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- f) DC/18/3896/FUL – Relocation of a communal bin store and the installation of two 4000 litre below ground LPG storage tanks. The original position of the bin store was approved in application D/17/1617/FUL and relocated in application DC/18/0901/FUL. It is referred to in condition nine of application DC/17/1617/FUL at Orchard House, Abbey View Lodges, 105 Abbey Road, Leiston

Cllrs Harle and Ginger against.

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- g) DC/18/3868/FUL – Severance of side garden and construction of new detached dwelling (existing planning approval lapsed 6 July 2018) at 53 King Georges Avenue, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

- h) DC/18/3813/AME – Conversion of existing derelict building to create 2 bed dwelling at Smyth House, 106 High Street, Leiston

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**115. County Matters**

Cllr Howard mentioned the Bright Tribe scandal and asked what part the County Council took in funding Bright Tribe. Cllr Hodgson suggested asking SCC what the plans are for Alde Valley Academy to ensure it is maintained. Cllr Casagrande referred to a newspaper article that the £8.6 million cuts would mainly affect vulnerable people and wanted further information from County Cllr Rainger.

**116. District Matters**

Cllr Ginger asked if the Heath View address board could be updated with the new house numbers.

**117. Correspondence**

Request for Grant Funding from Leiston FC Youth Teams

Councillors noted the letter from the youth team for funding to purchase 2 portable dugouts. It was proposed by Cllr O'Reilly, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed to donate £500.00.

Email from Cyds Project

Councillors noted the email from Cyds for the possible use of the Waterloo Centre. It was agreed this should be referred to the Steering Group for consideration.

Leiston Co-op Car Park Changes

Councillors noted the email from Mr Grosvenor on the new arrangement with the parking. Cllr Betson highlighted possible issues for those visiting the United Church. The Clerk had already contacted Mr Grosvenor on various issues and is awaiting a response.

Chris Green

Councillors noted the email from Paul Tynan at Suffolk Coastal Norse informing us of the imminent retirement of Chris Green. It was agreed a letter of appreciation be sent with best wishes for his retirement.

Letter from Royal Air Force Cadets

Councillors noted the letter asking for permission to use the Waterloo Centre field for Air Cadets to conduct various exercises. It was agreed to grant permission but they should avoid the football marked pitches.

**118. Questions to the Chairman**

Cllr Hill confirmed a meeting with Mr Rossi, CEO of EDF had taken place recently. Neither Cllr Hill or Cllr Last were able to attend so Cllr Hodgson attended with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. It was not a confidential meeting but just a confirmation of the Council's stage 2 response.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----