

**Pre-meeting Reports
5 March 2019**

216. County Councillor

County Councillor Rainger reported he had been heavily involved in the Sizewell C and SPR consultations and SCC worked with the District Council on a combined response which is in the public domain. Various meetings have taken place with SPR and a meeting is planned with National Grid Ventures on 14 March. Cllr Hodgson asked if a northern bypass link with A14 would be considered and County Cllr Rainger advised 3 options are being discussed.

217. District Councillor

Cllr Cooper tabled a report. Cllr Geater had nothing further to add. Cllr Hodgson asked who was on the guest list for the End of Term Party and Cllr Cooper was unsure but thought past Chairmen and councillors together with some officers. Cllr Hodgson asked who would be running the Shadow Council for the new authority and Cllr Cooper advised that the Shadow Council will finish on 1 April as all SCDC and WDC councillors become East Suffolk councillors on 1 April and will remain as such until the forthcoming elections. Cllr Herring will be leader and Cllr Goldson the Chairman until then.

218. Public Forum

Nothing was raised.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on
TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs L Hill (in the Chair)
Councillor D Bailey
Councillor Mrs S Betson
Councillor D Boast
Councillor A M Cooper
Councillor S M Geater
Councillor C Ginger
Councillor P Harle
Councillor T E Hodgson
Councillor W H Howard
Councillor J N Last
Councillor S Levermore
Councillor D Morsley
Councillor S O'Reilly**

219. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 19 February 2019 be signed as a true record.

220. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Casagrande.

221. Chairman's Communications

Councillor Mrs Hill reported as follows:

As a member on the panel of Leiston & Sizewell Community Benefit Fund, I was asked to consider a grant application to help fund the Worry Tree Café in Leiston. I visited the Café recently and heard more about the work they do in offering support for those with mental health issues. An information leaflet about the Café was included with your agenda papers. I am pleased to report that their grant application was successful.

I have been keeping councillors informed of developments at the United Church. Last month I attended an open meeting which was to review progress since October. The new minister for Leiston the Rev Ernie Bosee attended the meeting which focused on four areas including the constitution and the need to identify and appoint 6 Trustees. It was also reported that the building is being well used by a number of organisations. I have since been advised that at a church meeting a new constitution was agreed and the required number of Trustees found.

Last year Angela Haye, Housing Officer for SCDC gave a presentation to councillors on how the gateway system to 'Homechoice' worked. We were pleased to note that a housing advice surgery was to be organised where public could attend. The surgery was held at the Community Centre on 28 February and I went along and talked to some of the advisors to see how well the event had been supported. Angela Haye considered that holding this event had been worthwhile and planned to organise this event in other communities. On Friday, I attended the Fairtrade coffee morning at the United Church. There is a Fairtrade Concert by the Training Band of the Royal British Legion at the WI Hall tomorrow night at 7.00 p.m. These events have been organised as part of the Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Leiston Surgery will be holding a Launch Party on Thursday 14 March 2.00–4.00pm for the new BMI and blood pressure equipment which will provide a self-monitoring service for patients. The One Life Suffolk team will also be there to give advice. Funding for the equipment was through grants from District Cllr Tony Cooper's Enabling Communities Budget, the Suffolk Community Foundation and funds from Leiston Surgery.

Finally, the next Town Council newsletter is due to be delivered to households on 15/16 March.

222. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hill for Leiston Film Theatre and CLT, Cllr Cooper item 12, item 9 re. CIL, item 13 letter 3, Cllr Geater for Waterloo Centre, Cllr Howard for Fairtrade and item 11a.

223. Leiston Together Update

Apologies were received from Mrs Gibson. The Clerk gave a brief overview of the ongoing items being progressed by Leiston Together, like the Dementia Project and the Leiston Business Association. He also gave a resume of the other items discussed at the February meeting. The next meeting would be on 2 April.

224. CLT Steering Group Update

Cllr Hill updated the meeting on this item thus:

The Leiston Community Land Trust's Stage 3 application for funding has been approved and £4,000 paid into the Trust's bank account. £1,500 from the SCDC's Enabling Budgets has also been received.

The lease to 22 Sizewell Road had been received today and we are awaiting the completion of electrical work. Having an opportunity to be based in the town centre will help us to inform the community about the CLT and to advise on progress on the Town Centre Regeneration.

A meeting is being held on 21 March between the Leiston CLT and a team of officers from Suffolk Coastal District Council. This meeting has been organised by Paul Wood (Head of Economic Development & Regeneration) as an initial meeting with us to map out the way forward. We take this as a very positive step and look forward to the meeting.

As of to-day the membership has risen to 130. An article on the CLT will be included in the Town Council Newsletter.

225. Sizewell C Stage 3 Consultation

The Clerk explained that there was a rough draft for Leiston Town Council's response to Sizewell C on the table and that, hopefully, it covered all the relevant items raised by members and the public at the February meeting. The Chairman asked members to discuss any items they felt needed altering, adding or deleting from the draft so that a co-ordinated response could be accepted on 19 March.

After lengthy discussion and debate the following amendments were agreed:

- To reword the tone of paragraph 2 in the summary to counter the positive feel it currently had and to also emphasis the site is too small for the size of the development.
- Add further exploration of the sea option to be explored and then support of rail and then road.
- Firmer mention be made of the importance of Bridleway 19 and its closure and EDF be pressed to ensure that it was opened again as soon as possible as the construction comes to a close. Access to all country lanes and PROW also needs to be maintained around any highway improvements.
- Possible flooding issues on Valley Road to be highlighted and pedestrian safety.

- Add a positive comment regarding car park at Darsham park and ride facility.
- Include in paragraph 7.9 it would be little extra cost and a much more useful legacy to double track the railway from Saxmundham to Woodbridge
- Remove paragraph 8.3 regarding Grimsey Lane.
- Add a further comment to relocate Helipad elsewhere.
- Stronger emphasis on paragraph 7.6 and request a small roundabout at Crown Farm to ease traffic flow.

It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Betson and agreed to accept the Clerk's draft with amendments for the next meeting on 19 March.

226. Scottish Power Renewables – Stage 4 Consultation for East Anglia North 1 and East Anglia 2 Wind Farms

The Chairman asked members for their views on the plans for the two wind farms to use the land at Friston for a substation and the installation of a cable route from Thorpeness, across and behind Sizewell and on through Knodishall to get there. The Clerk will draft a response for councillor's consideration, comments included:

- Over development of site which is not suitable.
- Improvement to the unadopted road leading to the Wardens.
- Upgrade the junction at Blackheath corner and the Friston junction.
- Include recommendation that brownfield sites in Lowestoft continue to be investigate.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his excellent work putting together these draft responses.

227. Highways Committee Meeting - 12 February 2019

Councillors noted the report from the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Betson, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed to spend £20,000 from the CIL reserve for match-funding in our CIL application for a pedestrian crossing on Aldeburgh Road. It was further proposed by Cllr Levermore, seconded by Cllr Morsley to use £10,000 from the CIL reserve for a new bus shelter near Minden Drive.

228. Waterloo Centre Steering Group Meeting - 27 February 2019

Members noted the report from the Steering Group meeting of the 27 February and discussed the recommendations. The report had highlighted numerous works and alterations that need to be completed at the Waterloo Centre and went on to discuss ideas for new activities and future projects. The recommendations made against the quotes obtained in the report, in total, came to £15,000. It was proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed to accept that all the projects recommended be undertaken with £5,000 coming from the Waterloo Centre earmarked reserve and £10,000 be drawn from the Divestment Contingency reserve. Cllr Betson thanked the Assets Co-ordinator for an excellent report.

229. Finance and Personnel

a) Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Harle and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £39,077.36 along with £46,218.39 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

230. Planning Matters

- a) DC19/0672/TPO – T1 and T2 Sycamore – to be pollarded as part of ongoing maintenance. T3 Field Maple – removal of crossing branches to maintain healthy crown. T4 Sycamore – fell to allow more room for T3 and T5. T6 Field Maple – removal of crossing branches to maintain healthy crown. T7 Sycamore – crown reduce by 30% to maintain shape and allow more light to garden, reduce height from 14m to 11m and width from 5m to 4m. T8 Sycamore – crown reduce by 30% to maintain shape and allow more light to garden, reduce height from 14m to 11m and width from 5.5m to 4m. T9 Sycamore – crown reduce by 30% to maintain shape and allow more light to garden, reduce height from 15m to 13m and width from 7m to 5m all at 5 Woodlands, Leiston

Members agreed to respect any decision made by Mr Newton regarding this application.

RECOMMEND REFERRAL

231. County Matters

No questions were raised.

232. District Matters

No questions were raised.

233. Correspondence

Permissions Request for a Memorial Bench – Haylings Pond

Councillors noted the letter from Mrs Fordham. It was proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed to grant permission for a memorial bench to be installed on Haylings Pond, with guidance on location and installation from the Town Council.

Leiston Town Youth Football Club

Councillors noted the letter from Mr Elmy requesting continuation of the field facilities for the youth teams and for next season use of changing room facilities for 16-18 year olds within the Waterloo Centre. The Clerk advised there is only one changing room which would not be suitable for youth teams. It was proposed by Cllr Last, seconded by Cllr O'Reilly and agreed for the continuation of the field facilities and to suggest discussing other options with them for changing facilities, ie a portacabin if the club could fund it.

Inspire Suffolk Award

Last year the Town Council sponsored a Community Engagement Award for the Inspire Suffolk Awards Event and Cllr Hill would like to do the same this year, at a cost of £100.00. It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Morsley and agreed to sponsor an award again this year.

Leiston Events Group – Casino Evening

Report and accounts tabled. Cllr Cooper thanked the Events Group for organising a good event.

234. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Boast mentioned cigarette butts left outside the bookies in the High Street and suggested a cigarette bin be installed, the Clerk will write to the landlord. Cllr Bailey advised in the alleyway by the carpet shop, blocks are missing in the path which are a trip hazard. The Clerk has raised this issue in the past but will write again to the landlord. Cllr Geater commented that weed killer has been used around signs, trees and fencing etc with no care.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----