

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE  
HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 at 7.00pm  
THE TOWER ROOM  
THORPENESS  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MR E ATKINSON, MR D MAYHEW, MR B DAVIES, MRS M JONES,  
MRS P MCLARDY, MR S SQUIRRELL, MR A WILLIAMS & 3 PARISHIONERS**

**PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION**

*Mike Trapp raised concerns relating to SPR's proposals.*

*Funding for the Defibrillator will be covered under item 7. Finance on the Agenda.*

*Bill Searle asked if a play space area on The Green, Mill Hill, Aldringham could be considered.*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Suffolk Coastal District Council - Councillor T.J. Haworth-Culf

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**4. REPORTS**

**a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RUSS RAINGER**

Russ reported on the Sizewell C Consultation which is currently running from 4<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The Stage 3 Consultation - Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council are inviting representatives from Councils to attend a joint event on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at High Lodge, Darsham.

Russ has arranged for a site meeting this coming Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00 am representatives from Anglian Water Company and SCC Highways will make further investigations on the flood problem on Aldringham Lane.

The faulty Street Light in Thorpeness - UK Power Network has been and carried out repair work, unfortunately it is still out of action. Russ offered to look into this.

**SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL – COUNCILLORS MAUREEN JONES &  
T.J. HAWORTH-CULF**

**Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan**

The Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan is a comprehensive Local Plan for the District for the period 2018 to 2036. It includes a vision, spatial strategy, district wider policies and area specific strategies including site allocations.

Two rounds of consultation and engagement the Local Plan has now reached the Final Draft stage. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted by the end of 2019.

### **Acceptance of Funding Award**

The Council has been awarded funding to support rural project, working with the Rural Coffee Caravan to deliver energy advice and solutions. The funding announced at the end of November 2018 and has been accepted by the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

No funding has been claimed at this point and authorisation is sought for the claiming of £78,150 award to redistribute it to the Rural Coffee Caravan.

### **Proposed Parking Petitions Procedures**

The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has produced statutory guidance to local authorities under section 18 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 requiring them to set policies for petitions challenging parking policies.

The current Suffolk Coastal and Waveney petitions procedure does not make specific reference to petitions about parking policies and they needed to be amended and provisions incorporated into the new East Suffolk petitions procedures to comply with the statutory instrument. This report makes recommendations on the provisions and procedures for adoption to ensure compliance with the statutory instruments.

### **Proposed New East Suffolk Off-Street Parking Places Order**

In anticipation of the adoption of civil parking enforcement (CPE) and the creation of the new East Suffolk Council, it is desirable to produce a single new off-street parking places Order and associated single tariff structure. The proposed new tariff structure was approved by Cabinet in November 2018.

### **Stage 3 Sizewell Consultation**

The third stage of EDF Energy's public consultation for Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station began 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Local residents, community groups, public representatives and businesses will have the opportunity to see the latest proposals for the new power station. Stage 3 Public Consultation will run for 12 weeks, ending on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. People can submit their views at <http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/szcproposals/Stage-3>

### **Scottish Power Renewables Consultation**

Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council have both responded with frustration after hearing that Scottish Power Renewables has announced its plan to site a substation at Grove Wood, Friston as part of their offshore wind farms projects. Both authorities had previously jointed stated that selecting one of the two proposed substations sites at Grove Wood or Broom Convert, was like choosing the lesser of two evils. The leaders of Suffolk Coastal, Waveney Districts and Suffolk County have written to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy asking that the Government takes a more strategic view in planning how we manage energy infrastructure in the future so that issues such as this are dealt with properly.

Although we are still opposed to the Friston site, we don't have the authority to turn down the planning of these major infrastructure projects. So, we do what we can to work with Scottish Power Renewables to find the maximum mitigation possible to ensure their project cause the least impact in the event that it is accepted by the Secretary of State in due course.

### **Funding boost for local communities**

Local Communities groups have received a funding boost of just under £126,000 this year – thanks to Suffolk Coastal. The enabling Communities Budget (ECB) was set up in December

2013 to support local projects and activities which benefit those living in the District. So far this year, Suffolk Coastal councillors have supported over 109 projects and community initiatives, with a total of £125,992.57 in funding.

This year each councillor has £6,500.00 to spend on new projects, enhancing existing projects or community groups in their ward.

**How will proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) affect you?**

Suffolk County Council is carrying out a consultation to understand the equality impacts there may be as result of proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding which the authority currently provides.

A consultation regarding this decision will run from 12 noon Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December until 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. For more information and to take part in the consultation visit

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/carconsultation>

b) SCOTTISHPOWER RENEWABLES Phase 4 Consultation for East Anglia ONE North SPR Public Information Days will commence on 16<sup>th</sup> February and run until 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 being held in Friston, Aldeburgh, Knodishall, Leiston, Southwold, Thorpeness & Orford. Both information days in Thorpeness are 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 10 am – 4 pm and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 2 pm – 7 pm Thorpeness Country Club.

c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

Sizewell C – EDF Energy third stage of the Public Consultation started on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and will run until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Public Information Days are currently running until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. The Chairman encouraged the Councillors to attend one of the exhibitions.

The Chairman and Councillor Jones will attend the SCDC and SCC Workshops on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at High Lodge, Darsham.

d) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Meetings are planned relating to Affordable Housing in Thorpeness. Issues on Coastal Protections, SPR's Wind Farms and the Local Plan all of these need considering, following on from these the Neighbourhood Plan will be able to continue.

ACTION: NHPG/Parish Council

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) Allotments in Aldringham

Transfer of the Allotment area in Aldringham has been completed, the Parish Council require to register the area with the HM Land Registry. It was agreed to have this carried out by a local Solicitor.

2) The flooding problem on Aldringham Lane B1353

As previously reported by Councillor Russ Rainger a site meeting is to take place this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 with SCC, Anglian Water and Parish Council.

ACTION: Suffolk County Council/  
Anglian Water & Parish Council

## B) GROUP ACTIONS

### HERITAGE GROUP

#### 1) Proposed Heritage Centre

Both pieces of land on Car Park need registering with the HM Land Registry, it was agreed to have this carried out by a solicitor.

Good Neighbours - Pippa McLardy reported a Dementia Friends Workshop is to be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00 am in The Tower Room, Thorpeness. Members of the Aldeburgh Good Neighbours Group will also be joining them.

## 6. PLANNING

### **Planning applications discussed at Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

DC/18/4535/FUL

Land Fronting Old Homes Road, Thorpeness

Dropped kerb to access trees on land locked area – support this application.

DC/18/4819/FUL

Chapel Cottage, The Fens, Aldringham

For the construction of a self contained annex the footprint of an old barn previously on the site evidence of which can be seen on site – do not support this application.

DC/18/4493/FUL

Land at Bird's Farm, Aldringham

Installation of Septic Tank and soakaway, water borehole and concrete base for mobile caravan, in connection with certificate of lawfulness of existing use DC/16/0500/CLE

The site is contrary to planning policy DM18 – Static Holiday Caravans, Cabins and Chalets it has been granted a license based on historic use. However policy DM18 still relevant and should be taken into account when deciding this application along with Policies SP8 Tourism, SP14 Biodiversity and Geodiversity and DM27 Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

DC/18/4392/LBC

Parrot & Punchbowl Inn, Aldringham Lane, Aldringham

Fixing a defibrillator to the north facing wall of the toilet extension to the Parrot & Punchbowl Public House, Aldringham

The pub is a grade 2 listed building – support this application.

DC/18/5009/FUL

1 Sandy Bar, Remembrance Road, Thorpeness

Extension of lounge into existing porch area and creation of new veranda. Loft conversion with doors out onto small walk on roof terrace

Internal alteration works new windows to the rear, front door relocated – support this application.

### **Potential Referral of Planning Application**

**DC/18/4819/FUL**

**Chapel Cottage, The Fens, Aldringham**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal Under Section 78

DC/18/0414/FUL

Fenlands, Leiston Road, Aldringham – The Appeal was dismissed.

## **7. FINANCE**

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£18000.61
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£1112.29*

\*includes donation £250.00 (Defibrillator)

### **TO PAY**

Leiston Press Newsletter	£228.00
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All agreed proposed Mr Squirrell and seconded Mrs Jones

Budget agreed and the Precept for 2019/20 was

set at £7500.00 an increase of £500.00 on last year.

Proposed Mrs Jones and seconded Mr Williams

## **8. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE**

a) The Parish Council Standing Orders

b) Mr Searle questioned if the 30 mph speed limit on Thorpe Road, Aldringham from the crossroads be extended beyond the small industrial units and cottages. The Chairman suggested this maybe something we could pursue with other parties if they are looking to develop or carry out projects which may result in extra traffic movement for the parish.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP**

Councillor Jones had received a complaint about the condition of the triangle piece of verge on Old Homes Road opposite the Old Barn. She was asked if wooden posts could be positioned on the area.

The Parish Council agreed they would not be able to take any no action it would have to be the land owner's responsibility. There also would be a health and safety issue if posts were placed on the area.

## **10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

Signed  
Chairman

DATED 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019