

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE  
HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.00pm  
THE TOWER ROOM,  
THORPENESS  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MR E ATKINSON, MR B DAVIES, MRS M JONES, MRS P MCLARDY,  
MRS K SHADBOLT, MR A WILLIAMS & 10 PARISHIONERS**

**PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTES ALLOCATION**

*Parishioners attended to discuss the Scottish Power Renewables Windfarms proposals.  
A Parishioner for discussion on planning application DC/19/4266/VOC Craig Lea, North End  
Avenue, Thorpeness.*

*Parishioners questioned the latest regarding the flooding problem on Aldringham Lane.*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Suffolk County Council - Councillor Russ Rainger

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were signed as true record by the Chairman.

**4. REPORTS**

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RUSS RAINGER

Unable to attend this evening and sends his apologies.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL – COUNCILLORS T J. HAWORTH-CULF, TONY COOPER & JOCELYN BOND

Community projects receive funding boost

Community projects across East Suffolk have received a funding boost to support their activities which benefit local residents.

Following successful applications to East Suffolk Council's Enabling Communities 'Exemplar Grant Programme' earlier this year, 17 community projects have been chosen to receive funding. The projects will each receive a share of £147,378 to help deliver projects and activities which benefit East Suffolk residents.

We want to help local organisations deliver a wide range of community activities which improve and enhance the lives of our residents. Funding for smaller projects is still available through our Enabling Communities Budgets and we would encourage any group to apply to support their activities.

### Report recognises Council's climate change efforts

An independent report has recognised the actions East Suffolk Council has taken to reduce its carbon emissions by almost 23% over the last three years.

Members of East Suffolk Council's new Environment Task Group, set up in response to the Council's declaration of a climate emergency, met for the first time this week to review a report from Groundwork Suffolk following an independent review of the Council's performance on reducing its carbon emissions.

The report goes on to identify areas that East Suffolk Council will need to focus on to achieve its ambitious target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Small changes can make a big difference and the Council recently published a guide to help residents and businesses to take steps to reduce their carbon emissions.

View the guide <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/climate-change/>

Free audits are also available for businesses in East Suffolk from Business Energy Efficiency Anglia to help them become more energy efficient. See more information

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/energy-efficiency-and-warm-homes/warm-homes-healthy-people/>

The Exemplar Grant Programme enables community groups to deliver large 'flagship' Projects, with funding of up to £10,000.

Since 2016, 68 community projects have benefited from the Exemplar Grants Programme, receiving funding totalling £544,014.36. £160,000 was allocated for 2019/2020 programme from the New Homes Bonus.

Whilst applications for this round of the Exemplar Grants Programme are now closed, local groups and organisations can still apply for funding to support their activities via the Council's 'Enabling Community Budgets'.

A total of £412,500 has been allocated for 2019/20 from the New Homes Bonus, funding generated through new houses built in the district.

To apply for funding through the Enabling Communities Budget scheme, please visit:

[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/enabling-communities-budget](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/enabling-communities-budget)

### **Other News**

The record-breaking Surviving Winter appeal will be joined by a sister campaign in Suffolk for the first time this year – because more people than ever need support.

Hundreds of people in the county donated their government winter fuel payment last year to support Surviving Winter.

It raised more than £125,000 – a record for the appeal, run by the Suffolk Community Foundation – and helped pay heating bills for more than 800 homes of vulnerable older people.

How you can help Surviving Winter or the Winter Crisis Appeal

As this year's appeal is launched, a second 'Winter Crisis Appeal@ is also unveiled. This will help vulnerable people of all ages.

Tim Holder from the Suffolk Community Foundation, explained: 'This year, with over 83,000 people of all ages living in deprivation in Suffolk we'd ask everyone to please continue to help older people by giving to the Surviving Winter Appeal.

The appeal in partnership with East Anglian Daily Times, Citizens Advice, Warm Homes Healthy People, Rural Coffee Caravan, Meet Up Mondays, Ipswich Building Society, Flagship Group and Age UK Suffolk.

To donate call 01473 602602 or visit [www.suffolkcf.org.uk](http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk) You can also donate at any branch of the Ipswich Building Society.

Plans have been announced to let grass in older sections of churchyards grow longer in a Suffolk District, as part of measures to let wildlife flourish.

The plan would be enacted with the agreement of individual communities and in sections of cemeteries where graves were around 100 year old and visited rarely as allowing the older sections of churchyards to grow long grass in the summer months would encourage wildlife and improve biodiversity. Cemeteries can quickly attract beetles, caterpillars of various moths, butterflies and grasshoppers – they all benefit, and so then do birds, bats, hedgehogs and other creatures.

With many of our natural areas under threat, the older less frequently used and traditional sections of our cemeteries – those areas where the graves are around a century old – have become more important sanctuaries for wildlife.

#### Local Plan Adoption/Examination

The Examination of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan is still ongoing, although the hearings finished in September. At the tail end of October ES was still responding to the last of the queries raised by the Inspector during the hearings.

The next step will then be for him to write to East Suffolk and advise how he wishes to proceed e.g. whether he requires additional information from ES or would like to move swiftly forward with 6 weeks of public consultation on Main Modifications to the Local Plan. Hopefully it will be the latter.

All going well it is anticipated this consultation will start in early New Year. Following that consultation, the Inspector will consider, based on feedback, whether he needs to hold an additional day/s of hearing to explore any issues further. Assuming the Inspector is happy, he will then write his report and send it to ES. The examination ends once ES received the Inspectors Report.

It is hoped that this would be completed and the Plan adopted by late Spring at the latest.

#### SPR and EDF etc

It appears in recent correspondence that there is agreement to a full review of the scale of environmental damage that would be caused by the current plans for onshore sites for substations and that the Government needs to reassess the offshore solutions including Ring Mains.

SPR recently submitted applications for EA ONE North and EA TWO offshore windfarms to the Planning Inspectorate and seek a Development Consent Order under the 2008 Planning Act. The local authority is just a consultee and not the determining body.

The intention is for a report to be taken to Strategic Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 which will seek the committee's support for Councillor Revett as the Cabinet Member for Economic Development to seek delegated authority in conjunction with the Head of Planning and Coastal Management, from Cabinet in order to respond to requests for information and documents and represent the Council during the examinations of the projects.

The ESC Cabinet paper is likely to be early January so keep an eye on our website.

#### Please be aware of Scams

Different types of Scams are happening and can we once again take this opportunity to remind everyone to be extra vigilant, especially this time of the year.

#### b) SCOTTISH POWER RENEWABLES

EA1N and EA2 offshore windfarms

They have produced DCO Application Timeline and a 6 minute video on 'having your say on NSIP's.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/participating-in-the-process/>

For further information, the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note "8 series" explains how communities can get involved with NSIP planning processes.

Available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

The Parish Council will discuss their actions on the proposals at their next meeting.

#### c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

The Stakeholders Meeting scheduled to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December (Election Day) has been cancelled and will be held January 2020.

#### d) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Atkinson reported he will be contacting all members of the NHP group to see if they will be able to get together on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to review the Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: NHPG/Parish Council

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### A. PARISH ACTIONS

##### 1) Allotments in Aldringham

Councillor Williams reported there is more clearing required on the bottom half of the site and it will be necessary to hire a digger to assist the work. It was agreed to accept the Essex & Suffolk Water quotation of £958.00 + £191.60 vat Total £1149.60 for the water connection to the site. Before the connection can be made there are some preparation pipework required, it was agreed the materials for this could be purchased and estimated to cost in the region of £408.00 proposed Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Atkinson – Agreed.

ACTION: Parish Councillors/Helpers

##### 2) Flooding on Aldringham Lane B1353 adjacent Parrot & Punchbowl

The following are the proposed dates for meetings to discuss the ongoing flooding problem. The meeting will be held in two parts at The Parrot & Punchbowl on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Part 1 – Stakeholder meeting from 12.00 – 13.00 pm

Where Suffolk Highways Drainage Asset Manager, SCC Floods Team Representatives, Land Owner representative/land agent for arable land to the north, Parrot and Punchbowl, SCC Councillor Russ Rainger, Parish Councillors and a Community Representative.

Part 2 - Is the Community engagement meeting and this will run from 14.00 onwards

This meeting is open to all residents and interested parties.

Information will be placed on the Parish website.

ACTION: SCC/Parish Council & All other Parties

3) Old Homes Road, Thorpeness

The programmed drainage works has been completed, unfortunately on 27<sup>th</sup> November after heavy rainfall there is still a flooding problem. Suffolk County Council has been informed with photographic evidence of the floodwater.

ACTION: Suffolk County Council

4) Playspace on Mill Hill, Aldringham

The opening of play area took place last morning Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019, approximately 60 + people attended the event.

An emergency repair is needed to make safe an exposed area along the hedgerow. It was agreed that the materials required be purchased and the work carried out as soon as possible.

Warning Signs - Councillor Williams is looking into this with Suffolk County Council.

ACTION: Parish Council

5) Emergency Plan/Box

The next Planning Meeting was suggested date for the handing over of the Emergency Box. Councillor McLardy will contact Roger Brown to see if this will be convenient for him.

ACTION: Mr Roger Brown  
& Councillors

6) Councillor McLardy has the December Newsletter in hand any items for inclusion please pass onto her.

ACTION: Councillor McLardy

7) Parking Restrictions Old Homes Road and Whinlands

The Parish Council viewed the design received from Suffolk Council County for Parking Restrictions on Old Homes Road/Whinlands. It was agreed to proceed with the proposed and would like to include loading and unloading along the Whinlands 45.200m section of highway.

ACTION: Suffolk County Council

**B. GROUP ACTIONS**

1) Heritage Group

A small group have dug out and prepared the trenches and laid the cable pipe in preparation for the electricity connection.

ACTION: Heritage Group

**6. PLANNING**

DC/19/4266/VOC Variation of Condition 2 of DC/19/2516/AME

Demolition of an existing two-storey single dwelling and erection of a new two-storey single family dwelling - Non – Material Amendment of DC/18/5203/FUL

Craig Lea, North End Avenue, Thorpeness

East Suffolk Council will be holding a Planning Forum on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Councillors Jones and Williams both offered to attend.

## **7. FINANCE**

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£19785.82
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£7675.63
*includes £14815.00 play space funding	
*includes £897.21	
TO PAY	
Paid 3.11.19 – Action Play & Leisure £7407.50 + £1481.50 =	£8889.00
Clerks Salary £516.00 + £5.00 travel + £3.94	
Postage/tel =	£524.94
Essex & Suffolk Water £958.00 + £191.60 VAT	£1149.60
Internal Audit	£20.00
Mr M Easy	£35.00
Gift Voucher	£100.00
The Ogilvie Pavilion Room Hire 2018/19	£210.00
DONATIONS	
Leiston Library Steering Committee	£100.00
Leiston, Saxmundham & District CAB	£150.00
Transfer £5000.00 from BPA to CA	
All agreed – proposed Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Atkinson	

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

a) Correspondence from Therese Coffey - passed for distribution

## **9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

Clerk & Councillor Direct

## **10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Signed  
Chairman

DATED 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

