

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.00pm
THE TOWER ROOM,
THORPENESS
DRAFT MINUTES**

**PRESENTATION by 4 Representatives from NATIONAL GRID VENTURES
Nautilus Interconnector projects**

**PRESENT: MR E ATKINSON, MR B DAVIES, MRS M JONES, MRS P MCLARDY,
& 14 PARISHIONERS**

PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTES ALLOCATION

A resident informed some changes have been made to the Scottish Power Renewables Windfarms proposals.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Alan Williams & Katherine Shadbolt, Suffolk County Council – Councillor Russ Rainger, East Suffolk Council – Councillors T.J Haworth-Culf & Joselyn Bond

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th January 2020 were signed as true record by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RUSS RAINGER

Russ not present this evening – no report

b) EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR TONY COOPER

Good Evening, as the registration date has passed regarding registering as an interested party on the Inspectorate website for the SPR applications (many thanks to all those that have copied us in) you will note that National Grid Ventures are also briefing towns and parish councils regarding their part within the SPR applications. If you have not yet been given the briefing or would like information please look at:

www.nationalgrid.com/interconnectors www.nationalgridcleanenergy.com

You can also email them info@nautilusinterconnector.com telephone 08081 699822

(Freephone) or write to them at Freepost, Nautilus Interconnector. Once again, please copy us in on your thoughts and comments that you send.

Improvements in sight as date agreed for plans to tackle Suffolk's parking problems

Councils in Suffolk are ramping up activity in order to take on responsibility for local parking management from 6th April 2020.

Parking patrols in Suffolk will soon be managed by district and borough councils, in a bid to improve parking locally and drive down nuisance and unlawful parking in towns and villages across Suffolk.

Traditionally, roadside parking offences were a matter for the Police. However, parking has become a lower priority for them, so Suffolk County Council is transferring this responsibility to local district and borough councils under a process known as civil parking enforcement, or CPE.

Moving the responsibility for parking to local authorities will free up police time for them to deal with more urgent issues, which makes perfect sense that is why 190K has been committed from the Constabulary's reserves to help establish the scheme.

Funding secured to help tough sleepers in East Suffolk

East Suffolk Council has secured over £600,000 to help support rough sleepers in the district.

Following a successful bid to the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative, the Council has been awarded an additional £693,735 to support work with rough sleepers over the next year. The national initiative has allocated £112 million to help get people off the streets and into safe accommodation.

By working with local partners, including Notting Hill Genesis Housing Association, Access Community Trust, Anglia Care Trust, Home Group and other partners, the Council is continuously working to reduce the number of rough sleepers. As a result of this work, the 2019 Rough Sleeper count identified a total of 13 rough sleepers in East Suffolk, which represents a 41% reduction on the previous year.

Statement from the Leader on Ipswich Northern Route

Leader of East Suffolk Council, Cllr Steve Gallant has issued the following statement:

"Having studied the findings from the strategic outline business case and the public consultation, I can confirm that East Suffolk Council does not support the proposals for the new Ipswich Northern Route."

"I have been clear throughout this process that impacts on communities in our district would have to be taken into consideration and I do not believe our residents' interests would be best served by continuing with the project".

"The reality is that this new road will only happen if additional homes are built to justify it and, at the moment, a figure as high as 15,000 new properties would be required to make it financially viable".

"The focus of East Suffolk in respect of transport infrastructure improvements needs to focus on potential projects which have the greatest positive impact on our district. These include improvements to the Orwell Bridge, The Copdock and Seven Hills junctions, and enhancements of A12 from Felixstowe to Lowestoft, including campaigning for the re-trunking of this strategic road".

East Suffolk Council entirely supports infrastructure projects which provide clear, unarguable benefits to our local communities and businesses. We fully support the decision by Suffolk Public Sector Leaders to complete this study and public consultation. However, it is clear from the outcome that there will be significant impact on residents in the south of our district and we remain unconvinced that the benefits will outweigh a range of negative effects.

Help available to those struggling with hoarding

A new trial is underway to help people living in rented properties in East Suffolk who may be struggling with hoarding.

East Suffolk Council has been awarded £56,950 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to trial an innovative approach for housing tenants who may be hoarding items in their homes and neglecting their health and wellbeing.

It is estimated that between 2 and 5% of the UK population has a hoarding disorder and that up to 1000 rented homes in East Suffolk could be affected.

For more information about the scheme or to make a referral, please contact Private Sector Housing on 01394 444506 or email: pshousing@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

What communities really need: innovative approach to funding gets underway

An innovative and progressive scheme, established to provide critical funding for projects which local people want and need most of all will begin allocating money next week.

The East Suffolk Community Partnership have been created to “bring ideas to life” and eight separate partnership groups, covering the whole district, will now each decide how to spend £10,000 this year and a further £25,000 for the next three years, based on one or more priorities which were agreed at a series of community workshops.

In addition, an overarching pot of £150,000 this year and £300,000 for each of the next three years will be available for the partnerships to bid for.

For further information about Community Partnership including the ‘data packs’ for each area head to the Community Partnership Section.

The following provides an update regarding “Radiation (Emergency Preparedness & Public Information) Regulations (REPPiR)” which direct radiation emergency planning activities at Sizewell B Nuclear Power Station

The regulations were reissued in May 2019 and this now means that any on-site responsibilities for Sizewell B fall to EDF Energy Nuclear Generation, while off-site duties are managed by Suffolk County Council (SCC). To be clear, however the underlying risk of radiation emergency is unchanged.

For full detailed information regarding all elements of current emergency planning for Sizewell, please visit: www.suffolkresilience.com/risk-advice/advice-for-people-living-around-sizewell As changes are agreed these pages will be updated.

Any further enquiries should be sent to Andy Osman, Head of Emergency Planning, Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit, andy.osman@suffolk.gov.uk

The Law around Organ Donation is changing

The law around organ donation is changing in England. This means that from Spring 2020, all adults in England will be considered an **organ donor** when they die unless they die unless they had recorded a decision not to donate or are in one of the excluded groups. This is commonly referred to as an ‘opt out’ system.

You can record your decision to opt in or out on the Organ Donor Register – <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/helping-you-to-decide/about-your-choices/>

Those excluded will be people under 18 people who have lived in England for less than 12 months or who are not living here voluntarily, and people who lack the capacity to understand the change.

Restrictions on mass balloon and sky lantern releases – reminder

Sky lanterns and the mass release of balloons are banned from Council-owned land.

The reason for the ban is the risk they pose to wildlife and livestock. There have been documented cases of livestock or other animal loss, including cattle, horses, sheep and

goats as a result of ingestion of parts from sky lanterns and balloon debris. Entrapment and panic are also known issues affecting livestock and wildlife.

Furthermore, sky lanterns pose a documented fire hazard and a significant risk to the proper and effective operation of coastal rescue services.

We have adopted a code of conduct for staff and councillors to follow on this issue.

A ban on mass balloon releases and a ban on the release of sky lanterns whatsoever are included within the terms for leasing council land for all events.

We encourage landowners, parish and town councils and event organisers to consider doing the same.

Some fun alternatives to mark a special occasion or raise money

- Planting a native tree, flower or butterfly garden
- Flags, banners, streamers, ribbons and dancing inflatables
- Kites and garden spinners
- Bunting
- Tissue Paper Pompons
- Floating flowers
- Lighting candles and lanterns
- Blowing bubbles
- LED lights

b) SCOTTISH POWER RENEWABLES

EA1N & EA2 Offshore Windfarms

The Clerk reported the Parish Council has registered with The Planning Inspectorate as an Interested Party.

c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

The Chairman handed the information sheets collected from the recent Sizewell Stakeholders Meeting held on 9th January 2020 – passed for Distribution.

d) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following on from the planning meeting NHP members got together and agreed a re-start be made on the Plan. Their first action will be going through the new Local Plan and considering what is needed for this Parish.

The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting will be Monday 17th February 2020.

ACTION: NHPG/Parish Council

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) Allotments in Aldringham

Last Saturday Councillor Williams reported nine people finished clearing the site, completed laying the water pipes in preparation for the water connection.

Five of the plots have now been taken by parishioners and will ask Mr Ben Smith to run over the plots one more time and then everything will be ready for the allotment holders to start working on their plots.

ACTION: Parish Council/
Helpers

2) Flooding on Aldringham Lane B1353 adjacent Parrot & Punchbowl
The work to lay new drainage from Aldringham Lane to Horse Pond will start on 2nd March 2020. The duration will be 12 weeks and the works will be carried out in three separate phases with traffic signals on the main road and a road closure on Aldringham Lane.

ACTION: SCC/Parish Council &
other parties

3) Old Homes Road, Thorpeness

The manholes have again been cleared and investigations are ongoing.

ACTION: Suffolk County Council/
Site Owner

4) Emergency Plan/Box

Councillor McLardy is going to ask Roger Brown if Monday, 20th January 2020 6.30 pm at Sports Pavilion will be convenient for him to meet Councillors for handing over of the Emergency Box.

ACTION: Mr Roger Brown
& Councillors

B. GROUP ACTIONS

1) Heritage Group

The Chairman reported the next step will be looking into fixing insulation board to the interior of the hut and soon discussing the layout for information boards etc., and also obtaining quotations for the landscaping.

ACTION: Heritage Group

6. PLANNING

No planning applications for discussion at this meeting.

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£8795.08	
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£12526.86	
TO PAY		
Chairman's Allowance	£150.00	
Coastal Building Supplies £40.13 + £8.03 VAT =	£48.16)	
Coastal Building Supplies £43.34 + £8.67 VAT =	£52.01)	£167.56
Coastal Building Supplies £50.40 + £10.08 VAT =	£60.48)	
Coastal Building Supplies £5.76 + £1.15 VAT =	£6.91)	
Mr W Seale (Allotment materials)	£210.00	
Clerks Salary £515.00 + £5.00 Travel + £2.80		
Postage/telephone =	£522.80	
Community Action Suffolk – Website		
£50.00 + £10.00 VAT =	£60.00	
All agreed – proposed Councillor Atkinson, seconded Councillor McLardy		

8. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE

1) Aldringham Village Sign an estimate has been received for removal of the sign and renovation works to be carried out the total cost would be in the region of £3875.00.

2) Natural England informing that on Wednesday 29th January 2020 they submit a compendium of reports to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs setting out their proposals for improved access to the coast between Aldeburgh and Hopton-on-Sea. These proposals form part of a programme to establish a continuous walking route around England's coastline, under the provisions of Part 9 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

All representations and objections about the report must be received by Natural England no later than midnight on Wednesday 25th March 2020.

Copies of all the documents and forms online at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-aldeburgh-to-hopton-on-sea>

9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

DISTRIBUTION

Clerk & Councillor Direct

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2020

Signed
Chairman

DATED 6TH APRIL 2020