

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 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 & 14 PARISHIONERS**

PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTES ALLOCATION

Parishioner reported on the large dug out ditch on land owner's field by Chandlers Way to assist with the flooding problem, it was suggested a sign be placed to keep people away from the area.

Christine Laschet provided the invoice for the new hedging and planting is taking place this Saturday morning if anyone wishes to help. It was agreed Christine will also purchase 3no trees to replace the ones that were removed.

Parishioner living in Sizewell raised his concerns on the Sizewell Emergency Plan.

A number of residents commented on Scottish Power Renewables Windfarms proposals.

1. APOLOGIES

East Suffolk Council – Councillors T.J Haworth-Culf, Tony Cooper & Joselyn Bond

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2019 were signed as true record by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RUSS RAINGER

Russ apologized for not being present at the last couple of meeting. Things had been quiet leading up to Elections. He commented on both flooding problems in the Parish.

Scottish Power Renewables – He reported although Suffolk County Council supports renewable energy they have expressed concerns on the serious impact on local communities and the natural environment.

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

Report read in their absence by The Chairman

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A reminder the deadline for registering as an 'Interested Party' is the 27th January 2020. You can register yourself under each of the projects page on the Planning Inspectorate website

with your submissions of your 'relevant representation' your views, concerns and/or objections etc., to these proposals.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/>

(You may find the best links to the applications and other information at <http://sases.org.uk/new/suffolk-parish-councils-letter-to-energy-minister>)

As you know 32 Parish Councils together have sent letters to express 'significant joint concerns' about the energy proposals. Their letters call for the immediate suspension of the DCO applications for EA1N & EA2 (Scottish Power's onshore substation proposals), it also highlights numerous concerns about Sizewell C and proposals for the future projects.

Leader's 'disappointment' with energy scheme

Ahead of a meeting of East Suffolk Council's Cabinet to discuss the construction of offshore windfarm developments by ScottishPower Renewables, the Leader of the Council has underlined his, and the authority's concerns regarding the schemes likely effect on the local communities and environment.

Our Vision

By 2030 we would like to see significant progress in East Suffolk in each of the following areas:

1. Active travel – Walking and cycling and improving our physical and mental health and enhancing quality of life and the environment. Low emissions travel dominates.
2. Eco-friendly development – Designed to limit environmental harm, meet changing needs of occupants, cope with changes to the climate and feel part of the wider natural environment.
3. Energy generating homes – Existing buildings are retrofitted to be part of a smart energy system, they are net generators with very little under occupancy.
4. Environmentally beneficial employment – Decent work and an economy that works for all. Organisations recognise local sense of place and how a healthy environment benefits employers and employees.
5. Healthy humanity – People are connected with their community and supported by functioning education and care systems which are free at point of use.
6. Nature first – Nature's value is recognised by the majority, visitors are attracted because of it and everyone actively cares for it.
7. Pollution free environment – Use of plastics is tightly controlled and everyone takes responsibility to reduce the impact of their activities on the environment.
8. Quality Food – People can access good quality, healthy, tasty food. Food that is grown and farmed in ways that minimise negative impacts and maximise positive impacts on natural resources.
9. Upcycling Culture – People are borrowing, repairing, reusing and buying wisely to limit environmental harm. Products are designed to circular economy principles.

Who we are

The GREENPRINT Forum is a voluntary network, facilitated by the District Council, to help deliver their business plan; specifically enabling community environmental action to improve lives and strengthen our economy.

Whilst our focus is on East Suffolk, anyone anywhere can join for free to help inform and learn from our thinking. Please be aware that we have one passionate part time staff resource (two days a week dedicated to this), a steering group of 11 who give of their

knowledge while being active in their own communities/organisations and all other effort is voluntary or requires funding to be gained to pay for it.
East Suffolk Greenprint Forum Constitution Summary

Our Steering Group

Find out more about what our steering group does and who the members are.

How to contact us

1. www.twitter.com/GreenprintForum
2. www.facebook.com/GreenprintForum
3. greenissues@eastsoffolk.gov.uk
4. Telephone: 01394 444747

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/>

Another really useful site to look at regarding recycling (what to do with, knowledge and info on reducing waste) is <https://recyclenow.com/>

Food safety packs launched to help small businesses

Small businesses in East Suffolk can now manage their food safety practices more easily following the launch of new information packs.

Developed by the Food Standards Agency, 'Safer Food Better Business' packs are now available from East Suffolk Council's Food and Safety Team to help business operators understand and comply with food hygiene regulations and food safety management procedures.

Food safety regulations require a business to show and record the actions they take to ensure food made and /or sold on the premises is safe to eat.

The 'Safer Food Business' packs contain food safety procedures for a variety of businesses including caterers, care homes, retailers and childminders. The packs contain up to date information on:

- Food allergies
- 'Pre-Packed for Direct Sale' regulations (which will be introduced in October 2021)
- Details on how to register as a food business
- Guidance around the Food Hygiene Ratings Scheme

Any business which prepares, sells or handles food needs to comply with food safety regulations and the new 'Safer Food Better Business' packs help small business operators to understand exactly what they need to do to ensure the food they provide is safe to eat.

Download or order a pack: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/business/food-safety/safer-food-better-business/>

Photo competition winners announced

The winners of this year's East Suffolk Competition have been announced.

Returning for its third year, the competition ran throughout November and invited amateur and professional photographers to submit their photo of the district to East Suffolk Council. In early December, the entries were judged and we received almost 200 entries this year and the outstanding quality of the photographs made choosing the winners a difficult task.

The Winners are:

1. First place: Mike Whitby, Woodbridge
2. Second place: Tony Pick, Thorpeness
3. Third place: Richard Sagom, Oulton Broad

Highly commended:

1. Chris Lee, Homersfield
2. Claire Grasby, Oulton Broad
3. James Allen, Carlton Marshes
4. Kevin Jay, Felixstowe
5. Rhianna Wren, Beccles

Homelessness provision in East Suffolk

East Suffolk Council in conjunction with other partner organisations is providing support to single homeless people and people sleeping rough in East Suffolk, during the winter period. Members of the East Suffolk Housing Needs Team and colleagues from Access Community Trust and Anglia Care Trust will monitor the situation and anyone concerned about the welfare of people should contact the Council, either by calling 03330 162000 or emailing housing.needs@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

b) SCOTTISH POWER RENEWABLES

EA1N & EA2 Offshore Windfarms

Report from Mr Bill Halford read in his absence by The Clerk

SASES

- The SASES core team has been studying the DCO documents and is developing Relevant Representations on behalf of Friston Parish Council.
- Three core team members have met with Ofgem, having previously raised a number of concerns in correspondence over the past months, in order to gain a clearer understanding of Ofgem's role and method as regulator when monitoring NGENSO's planning and decisions regarding the connection of offshore wind farms and interconnectors and to feed back perceptions of possible shortcomings and gaps in the regulatory process. Ofgem seemed receptive, is considering the evidence we provided and has committed to get back to us in 'the New Year'.
- Several from SASES attended a meeting of East Suffolk Council Strategic Planning Committee on 9th December when it decided to the District Council's general approach during the DCO Examination process.
- A team from NGV briefed Friston PC/SASES on its forthcoming Nautilus Interconnector project on 11th December 2019.
- Two briefing/Q&A sessions were held on 4th January 2020 in order encourage and help the public submit their 'Interested Party Representations'. This event (open to all) had been previously advertised in the December 2019 edition of the 'Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter' and some Act parishioners did attend.

Councillor Atkinson read the drafted notes which the Councillors in preparation for registering with The Planning Inspectorate as an Interested Party by 27th January 2020 deadline.

c) **SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS**

A Sizewell Stakeholders Meeting is being held this coming Thursday 9th January 2020 – 9.00 for 9.30 am start the Chairman will be attending.

d) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Atkinson and seconded by Councillor Williams that a start is made again on Neighbourhood Plan and it is anticipated the group will meet every six weeks.

ACTION: NHPG/Parish Council

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) Allotments in Aldringham

Councillor Williams reported they will be fitting the necessary pipe work for the water supply connection and he hoped if all goes to plan this will be made towards the end of January beginning of February 2020.

ACTION: Parish Councillors/Helpers

2) Flooding on Aldringham Lane B1353 adjacent Parrot & Punchbowl

A large ditch has been dug on a Land Owners field above Chandlers Way, Aldringham to try to assist with the flooding problem.

ACTION: SCC/Parish Council & All other Parties

3) Old Homes Road, Thorpeness

The site owner has carried out the clearing of two manholes and investigations are still ongoing.

ACTION: Suffolk County Council/
Site Owner

4) Playspace on Mill Hill, Aldringham

Warning Signs – Councillors are meeting this Thursday (9th January 2020) with Denise Mortimer from Suffolk County Council to discuss if it is necessary for any safety signs to be installed.

ACTION: Parish Council/SCC

5) Emergency Plan/Box

Councillor McLardy will ask Roger Brown if 20th January 2020 6.30 pm at Sports Pavilion will be convenient for handing over of the Emergency Box.

ACTION: Mr Roger Brown
& Councillors

B. GROUP ACTIONS

1) Heritage Group

The Chairman reported the Electricity Supply has been installed to the hut and an electrician is now needed to carrying out the fittings required.

ACTION: Heritage Group

6. PLANNING

DC/19/4876/FUL

Proposed front extension and loft conversion

8 Mill Hill Estate, Aldringham – Support this application

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£8795.08
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£6008.69

TO PAY

Leiston Press	£228.00
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Mrs C Laschet – Botanica

Hedging for Mill Hill	£99.00
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All agreed – proposed Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Atkinson

The Annual Budget was reviewed and approved, it was agreed to set the Annual Precept at £8000.00

Proposed Councillor Atkinson, seconded Councillor Williams

8. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE

9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

DISTRIBUTION

Clerk & Councillor Direct

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020

Signed
Chairman

DATED 3RD FEBRUARY 2020