

**ALDRINGHAM CUM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**  
**THE OGILVIE PAVILION & SPORTS GROUND**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS: MAUREEN JONES, SARA PAULLEY & WILLIAM SEALE & 1 PARISHIONER**

***PARISHIONERS FORUM***

Parishioner living in the Parish attended this evening showing an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillor Tony Wheeler, East Suffolk Council  
Councillor Sarah Whitelock & Suffolk County Council Councillor T.J. Haworth-Culf

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**4. REPORTS**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR T. J HAWORTH-CULF**

December report and energy projects update can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

**EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SARAH WHITELOCK**

**November 2023 Report**

**Energy Projects**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September Tom Daly, as Cabinet Member for Energy and Climate Change, brought to Full Council a motion regarding Sizewell C and the Friston energy mega-hub with associated cable corridors. The motion reversed the previous administration's 'neutral' position on the energy projects and called for a much more robust approach in order to protect the residents of this ward from destructive and unnecessary construction projects. Many of you will have received 'consultation' documents from National Grid about Sea Link and been told it's a done deal. The GLI administration is totally opposed to these appalling plans, agreeing with campaigners that the offshore grid is the only way forward.

## Our Direction 2028

East Suffolk Council is setting its direction with the adoption of a new Strategic Plan that will underpin the services it delivers for the next four years.

'Our Direction 2028' presents the Council's key ambitions and priorities with an overarching aim to promote a bright, green, open, free, and fair future for all East Suffolk.

Its four main priorities, Environmental Impact, Sustainable Housing, Tackling Inequalities and Thriving Economy reflect the political ambitions of the new Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Administration, and set the path the Council will embark on, collaboratively, for the four years until 2028.

'Our Direction 2028' has been developed by working with all councillors, our brilliant staff, and other important stakeholders, including the public who were invited to take part in a survey about our ambitions.

"Our Plan clearly reflects the feedback we received and we will work closely with, and empower, communities and individuals to improve services where we need to – ensuring the District is in the best place possible in 2028."

Chris Bally, Chief Executive of East Suffolk Council, said: "2023 has been a year of significant change, with a new Chief Executive and Administration. However, the energy, resilience and positivity shown in taking this change in its stride and continuing to deliver excellent public services is a testament to all who work for the Council."

"At our core, we want to maintain the quality of the services day-in day-day out and ensure the council is governed well. I am incredibly proud to be the Chief Executive of East Suffolk and proud of the commitment, energy and ingenuity that our officers and teams put into delivering outstanding services around the clock."

Our Direction sets out the themes and priorities for the next four years. The Council will develop an action plan to measure exactly what is being achieved.

To follow East Suffolk's journey, head to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/ourdirection2028](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/ourdirection2028).

## **Festive Free Parking**

Christmas shoppers and visitors to festive events across East Suffolk can enjoy free parking in council-owned car parks on selected dates.

To coincide with Christmas lights 'switch ons' and other festive events across the district over the coming weeks, East Suffolk Council is offering free parking in council-owned car parks from 3pm on the following dates:

- Saxmundham – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- Wickham Market – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023
- Framlingham – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Leiston – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Free parking will also be available from noon to 6pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December across the district.

East Suffolk Council says 'no' to oil and gas

East Suffolk Council has responded to the Government's decision to create more oil and gas licences by confirming that it will no longer accept new tenancies from companies committed to its production.

As part of the King's Speech on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, it was confirmed that hundreds of new oil and gas licences will be granted in the UK by the Government.

However, the Council, which owns considerable commercial land in the North Sea port town of Lowestoft as well as business parks in Beccles and Leiston, has stated that green companies will now be "at the front of the queue" for tenancies.

East Suffolk Council has today welcomed leading renewable energy service company RMI Renewables to their flagship PowerPark development in the port of Lowestoft, and GLI Cllr Toby Hammond, who is Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Transport as part of the Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent (GLI) administration, hopes there will be many more.

He said: "This is a hugely retrograde step from the Prime Minister and a Government which is clearly only paying lip service to environmental concerns. We are in the midst of a climate emergency and things must change. We already have a thriving renewable energy sector in East Suffolk, and we are simply not going to allow the Government to take us backwards.

"We see huge potential for more high-quality jobs and prosperity especially servicing offshore wind. We are totally focused on clean, green industry to drive the winds of change in East Suffolk and companies which reflect our own priorities and ambitions will be at the front of the queue for future tenancies."

RMI Renewables, whose parent company started out in 2005 servicing oil and gas industry within the North Sea, have now almost fully transitioned to working with offshore wind, rail infrastructure and other clean energy businesses.

Scott McMillan, RMI Renewables Director, said:

"Being part of the PowerPark allows RMI Renewables to work collaboratively with our clients, supply chain, colleges as well as the Council to develop infrastructure, which will create new job opportunities in the area. This is a great opportunity to attract the best companies and skilled resources, which in turn will provide greater opportunities to the younger generation who are looking for a long-term career and cleaner future."

This decisive move by East Suffolk Council also follows recent decisions by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to delay targets on decarbonisation.

Councillors at East Suffolk have written to Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP stating their opposition to any new oil and gas licenses. Cllr Rachel Smith-Lyte, Cabinet Member for the Environment said:

"Opening up new oil and gas is an entirely reckless thing to do in the face of the climate emergency and our net zero commitments. The people of this country deserve so much better."

**Grants for Winter Support – Now Live**

Voluntary organisations, community groups and faith networks can now access grant funding for projects that help ease cost of living pressures around food and heating this winter – but applications need to be in soon.

The East Suffolk Cost of Living Winter Grant Fund, made possible with funding from the Suffolk Collaborative Communities Board, is offering grants for projects that help East Suffolk residents to stay warm and fed during the colder months.

Organisations can apply for up to £2,500 for a wide range of projects – as long as they support individuals and families to stay warm and/or to access healthy nutritious food, particularly between the end of December and end of March. The closing date for applications is 9am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

GLI Councillor Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk Council cabinet member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism, said: “We know that lots of our residents are struggling with the ever-increasing cost of living, so I am really applications from small community groups and voluntary organisations who want to support residents this winter, for example by offering hot breakfasts, lunches and/or dinners, somewhere warm to catch up with friends, cooking classes, energy advice and much more. pleased to be able to launch the winter 2023/24 cost of living grants, thanks to funding from the Suffolk Collaborative Communities Board. We are particularly looking for applications from small community groups and voluntary organisations who want to support residents this winter, for example by offering hot breakfasts, lunches and/or dinners, somewhere warm to catch up with friends, cooking classes, energy advice and much more.

“We want to hear from you if you have a great idea – big or small – to help your community this winter.”

The Grant Panel will meet on December 13<sup>th</sup> so projects will find out whether they have been successful just before Christmas.

Apply now at: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/east-suffolk-cost-of-living-winter-grant-launch/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/east-suffolk-cost-of-living-winter-grant-launch/)

**For the most up to date information regarding East Suffolk Council, please visit: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk)**

## **5. PARISH AND GROUP ACTIONS**

### **1. PARISH ACTIONS**

a) East Suffolk Council’s first ‘East Suffolk Blooms’ scheme.

The 500 free bulbs supplied by ESC have been planted in the Parish around the village sign in Aldringham and along Old Homes Road, Thorpeness.

b) The Defibrillator situated at Meare has had problems in past with condensation at various times. To help elevate the problem it was agreed to purchase a new Polypropylene Cabinet to house the equipment and also move it to a better location.

### **GROUP ACTIONS**

1) Thorpeness & Aldringham Heritage Group

Councillor Jones reported the Heritage Centre is currently closed for the Winter and will reopen again in the Spring of 2024. Work continues to be made on the information boards for a trail in Aldringham.

**ACTION: TAHG Members**

## 2) The Ogilvie Pavilion & Sports Ground

Councillor Seale reported following on from the planning pre-application with East Suffolk Council, the Architect is now working on the full planning application paperwork for the new build.

ACTION: The Architect

## 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Both of the Community Consultation Events held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Parrot, Aldringham & on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Country Club, Thorpeness were both well attended by over 100 parishioners who came and viewed all the information on show and gave their views and feedback on what they would like considered for the progression of Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish.

The Steering Group are now preparing to start working on the draft document.

ACTION: NHP Steering Group

## 7. ENERGY PROJECTS

Councillor Seale reported the following on all the energy projects

Scottish Power EA1N and EA2

East Suffolk Council anticipate further final requirements discharge materials to be submitted in due course however they have no fixed date for these.

National Grid Ventures (NGV) – Nautilus and Lion Link Projects

Nautilus – nothing new to report in relation to the project.

Lion Link – The supplementary non statutory consultation closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

East Suffolk Council maintained their objection to the project.

Sealink – The Statutory consultation commenced on 24<sup>th</sup> October until 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The Parish Council will be sending their response.

Sizewell C- Pre-commencement works are continuing to be made in relation to the project.

## 8. PLANNING

DC/23/2943/LBC

1 Westgate Thorpeness – Minor internal alterations - Support

DC/23/3071/TPO

Aldringham Court Nursing Home – Object

DC/23/3220/FUL

St Andrews Church, Aldringham

Rebuilding of existing single storey Victorian link between the nave of the Church and attached modern vestry and related works - **Application Withdrawn**

DC/23/3330/OUT

Proposed detached house and garage

Plot 9, Aldringham Park, Aldringham - **Support**

DC/23/3153

The Lake House, 11 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness

Single storey side extension and conversion of loft space including insertion of dormer windows and roof lights. - **Support**

DC/23/3365/TCA

Rudder Grange, 1 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness

1 no Silver Birch – Crown reduction in height and spread by 5 metres,

1 no Silver Birch – Crown reduction in height by up to 7 metres and 1 no Alder – Fell – **Support**

DC/23/2543/FUL

Replacement dwelling – The proposal will see the demolition of the existing 1960's building on site to be replaced with a new sustainable modern building as well as the construction of a separate pool house towards the rear of the site.

The Crows Nest, North End Avenue, Thorpeness,

Amended plans/documents – **Object**

DC/23/2312/FUL

Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement dwelling with basement, car port, landscaping and swimming pool.

Lakeside, 21 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness – **Support**

DC/23/3935/TCA

7 Church Road, Thorpeness

1 no Eucalyptus (to the front of the property) – Reduce by 1/3 of tree height and width.

Group of Holly (along the front boundary) – Reduce by 1 metre **Support**

DC/23/3853/VOC

The Black Shed, Thorpeness

Variation of Condition No 2 of DC/23/1673/FUL – Retention of the current Class B2 use, to be made personal to the present operator; with reversion to Class E9(g)(iii) use (light industrial processes) once use by the said operator ceases – Working hours – **Support**

DC/23/3814/TCA

2 Uplands Road, Thorpeness

1 no Oak – Crown reduce in height by up to 4 metres and in width by up to 1 metre on side of 2 Uplands Road only – **Support**

DC/23/3811/TCA

The Hermitage 5 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness

1 no Apple – Fell – **Support**

East Suffolk Council Rural Development and Healthy Environments

15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## **9. CIL EXPENDITURE UPDATE**

The following CIL Expenditure Items were agreed

- 2 no Solar Powered Speed Indicators which are to be located both sides of the crossroads on Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham

- 1 no for Remembrance Road, Thorpeness
- 2 laptops for the Parish Council
  - 1 to be used by the Parish Clerk and the other will be used by Parish Councillors for storing planning applications and history relating to them
- Speed indicators data and other Parish matters
- Proposed Councillor Seale, seconded Councillor Jones

## 10. FINANCE

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£42,006.13 *
* includes interest Jun-Sept £112.25	
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£73,946.89 *
* includes £9439.00 Groundwork UK Funding NP	
* includes CIL £1,508.91	
* includes refund Bus Shelter £1,714.80	
TO PAY	
K Baggott (August)	£60.00
L. B. Shotter	£100.00
Wave Utilities £40.34 + £8.08 =	£48.42
Community Action Suffolk One Suffolk Hosting Fee £50.00	
+ £10.00 VAT =	£60.00
K Baggott (September)	£110.00
Screwbolt Fixing Ltd £1.80 + £0.36	£2.16
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Leiston Press NP Flyers	£154.00
Leiston Press NP	£76.80
Parish Online £56.00 + £11.20 VAT =	£67.20
W Halford Train Fare	£5.00
Compass Point	£1,857.60
Moyse Surfacing Bus Shelter	£2,430.00
M. P. Stephenson & Sons Christmas Tree (awaiting invoice)	
Annual Internal Audit	£20.00
Geosphere Parish Online	£67.20
Royal British Legion – Wreath	£25.00
Leiston Press	£26.40
Clerks Salary £673.20 + postage £7.60	£680.80
Plants for wooden planters – Elmwood Nurseries	£33.90
New Christmas Tree Lights	£46.99
The Parrot & Punchbowl – Consultation Expenses	£76.00
Pansies and soil for Tubs	£33.90
The Annual Budget was discussed and agreed and the Precept for 2024/25 was set at £9,000.00 an increase of £500.00 on the previous year.	
All agreed proposed Councillor Seale, seconded Councillor Jones	

## **11. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1) Aldringham Lane flooding problem**

Parish Councillors, SCC highways and the landowner are working together to ease the flooding problem.

### **b) 20's Plenty Campaign for Suffolk aiming to**

1. Achieve, a 20 mph speed limit in all Suffolk communities, on roads where people and motor vehicles mix in residential areas and town and village centres.
2. Demonstrate, to Suffolk County Council, the desire across Suffolk for speed limit policy change to help communities achieve changes more easily including to 20 mph and on rural roads.

20's Plenty for Suffolk Parish Campaign Materials

c) For safety reasons a letter sent to residents asking them if they could consider trimming back any overhanging vegetations that maybe encroaching onto footways in the Parish.

d) Dates for Parish Council Meeting 2024 were distributed

### **e) Suffolk County Council informing on the Street Lighting Contract**

J McCann & Co Ltd., were the successful tenderer and from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 have commenced a 7 year term maintenance street lighting contract with Suffolk County Council. The County Council will manage the lighting assets on behalf of the local lighting authority. Maintenance and energy will be bought under the same contracts that the County Council uses for its own lights. As the County Council has 75,000 lighting assets, it is in a strong position to get the best prices. Reporting of street lighting faults remains the same as previous years can be reported online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/streetlighting](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/streetlighting) or via telephone through Suffolk County Council's contact centre 0345 606 6171

### **f) ESC Strategic Waste and Contract Management Team**

A new department within the Council, have undertaken a review of the current provision of litter and fido waste bins within the district that they have a responsibility to empty.

While they are undertaking the review, they have temporary closed the request for new bins service. However, if there are any issues please continue to report these through the normal channels of their Customer Services Team. Please direct comments to

[operations@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:operations@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **12. COUNCILLORS ROUND-UP**

## **13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**SIGNED**

**CHAIRMAN**

**8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**