

**ALDRINGHAM CUM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**THE OGILVIE PAVILION & SPORTS GROUND**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS: MAUREEN JONES, SARA PAULLEY, WILLIAM SEALE & TONY WHEELER**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLOR T.J HAWORTH-CULF, EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL**  
**COUNCILLOR SARAH WHITELOCK & 14 PARISHIONERS**

The Chairman welcomed Zoe Botten and Richard Knight who provided a PowerPoint Presentation on Sizewell C proposals.

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| Two Village Bypass                                 | Occupational Health Service 24/7  |
| 2400 bed accommodation campus                      | Sizewell C Link Road              |
| Community Pledges                                  | Community Funding 23m to Projects |
| Workforce Conduct                                  | Green Rail Route 4.5 Km rail link |
| Funding for Emergency Services & Community Support |                                   |
| Park and Ride Sites                                | Freight Management Facility       |

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***PARISHIONERS FORUM***

**1. APOLOGIES**

None received

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

None

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**4. REPORTS**

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

T. J. reported the following

Many people would have received the news that LionLink announced the dates of their consultation. They have added a new site along side the ones that they previously identified

at Southwold/Walberswick etc. The public information dates have been sent out and the nearest one for many to attend is at Leiston on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. They are also holding webinars on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

You are also aware; Sizewell C have been allocated more funding but there are still questions and details regarding their ongoing water issues which remain outstanding.

Many in this division will see the Tour of Britain pass through on Thursday, please do make sure you are up to date with the times and places that you can watch or when the RRC's closures are taking place. Please also note that the Aldeburgh Triathlon takes place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September and there will be some RRC's (rolling road closures) etc. More info on their website.

I am sure that you have seen from the recent high profile press coverage that a number of schools have been told by the Department for Education (DfE) to close buildings where RAAC is present.

Unfortunately, Farlingaye High School is one of the schools locally to be affected by this directive. We were only made aware of the requirement to close areas as of 11am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September and as such senior staff are in the process of emergency planning for how best to facilitate the safe return of staff and students for the start of term. There will be some re-rooming of classes and a creative approach to the use of space to find solutions to add capacity whilst some classrooms are out of action. We are in the process of arranging a structural survey which will give an indication of the works needed as soon as possible.

Alde Valley have said even though they do not think they have any on site, they will still be carrying out surveys to confirm.

Full September report can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

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

Sarah report the following

##### *Assets of Community Value (ACVs)*

An information session has now been arranged for Assets of Community Value on 28th September 13:00-14:30. Registration is now open for Town/Parish Councils and District Councillors to gain a practical understanding of the ACV legislation and its application to local assets.

The aim is to give communities the best chance of using the legislation to bring important assets such as pubs, shops and open spaces into community ownership.

Registration is free and can be done via the following link-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/asset-of-community-value-briefing-for-town-and-parish-councils-tickets-626050512937?aff=oddtcreator> Any questions can be passed directly to [andrew.jolliffe@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.jolliffe@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

### *Time to think about how we heat our homes*

Warm Homes Suffolk is accepting applications to fund improvements to residents' homes, making properties warmer and more efficient for the colder months. Warm Homes Suffolk has new funding available for eligible households, to put towards energy efficient measures such as insulation, solar panels or heat pumps.

The scheme is administered by Suffolk County Council, and delivered by East Suffolk Council, on behalf of all councils in Suffolk. It has been funding home energy efficiency improvements for more than a year but has recently received further funding from the Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero to continue the work.

An average of £18,000 in funding per property is available for homeowners meeting the criteria. Landlords and tenants are also entitled to apply, with qualifying rental properties getting up to two-thirds of costs, as an average grant of up to £12,000.

To find out more about how Warm Homes Suffolk, visit [Warm Homes Suffolk](#) or call the team on 03456 037 686.

Community groups in East Suffolk are being invited to apply for up to £30,000 in capital grant funding for upgrades and improvements to facilities.

East Suffolk Council are now accepting applications from local voluntary and social enterprise groups, as well as some small to medium sized businesses, for a £15,000-30,000 share in the newly launched Rural Business and Community Hub Fund (RBCHF). The fund is part of the Government's wider Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) and aimed at organisations that provide, or wish to provide, a multi-purpose community hub or for-public-benefit facility offering access to a range of quality, cost-effective services. Applicants could include existing village halls, local skills providers, business and co-working spaces, health, well-being and mental health providers, sports and recreation providers, and arts, culture and heritage providers. For more details

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/east-suffolk-rural-business-and-community-hub-fund/> Prospective applicants can also contact Community Action Suffolk for further support via [info@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk](mailto:info@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk).

### *GLI Group Meet with Forestry Commission and Anglian Water*

The GLI Group recently met with Forestry Commission and Anglian Water to explore ways of protecting the outstanding natural environment of East Suffolk. East Suffolk Council and GLI Group Leader Cllr Caroline Topping is pleased that they were able to discuss important issues with both

organisations. She said: "We are determined to develop and maintain a constructive dialogue with key environmental stakeholders and these two recent meetings really got the ball rolling.

"The presentation from the Forestry Commission was incredibly engaging and I am keen that we really do spread the word about the importance of tree planting and the range of grants that are available to do so.

Meanwhile the meeting with Anglian Water was also incredibly useful although I was disappointed by representatives' suggestion that sewage discharge into rivers was a low

priority issue for the public. It was also interesting to that they are not statutory consultees with regards to planning applications which is a concern when it comes to the issue of ensuring appropriate supply to new developments.

These meetings mark our commitment to deliver on our campaign promises and prioritise residents, communities and the environment in everything that we do. The GLI Councillors are enthusiastic about improving quality of life across the district, and this is just the beginning so watch this space!"

## **5. PARISH & GROUP ACTIONS**

### **PARISH ACTIONS**

b) Councillor Whitelock reported the problem with sand on the road in Thorpeness should be attended to this week.

### **GROUP ACTIONS**

Thorpeness & Aldringham Heritage Group

1. The group are planning an Evening with Hamish Ogilvie at Sizewell Hall

Tickets will be available at £10.00 per person. Coffee, tea & biscuits will be provided.

ACTION: TAHG

2. The Ogilvie Pavilion & Sports Ground

Councillor Seale reported the Classic Car Rally held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 was a great success.

## **6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Steering Group and Andrea Long are preparing for the Community Consultation these are planned to be held on

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – The Parrot, Aldringham

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Country Club, Thorpeness

A flyer will be distributed to householders in the Parish advertising times for these events.

## **7. ENERGY PROJECTS**

LIONLINK (formerly known as EuroLink) Proposed by National Grid Ventures (NGV)

Supplementary Non-Statutory Public Consultation will run from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

Following the identification of an alternative Southwold cable corridor and Walberswick landfall site.

Three in person exhibition events are being held

Exhibition Event 1 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 Reydon Village Hall

14.00 -20.00 pm

Event 2 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 Walberswick Village Hall

10.00 -16.00 pm

Event 3 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Leiston Community Centre

14-00 -20-00 pm

## 8. PLANNING

DC/23/2520/FUL

Conifer Lodge, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham-cum-Thorpe

Creation of vehicular access – **Object**

DC/23/2543/FUL

The Crows Nest, North End Avenue, Thorpeness

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

The following information has been received from East Suffolk Council

This application is for 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.

In order to comment on the proposed planning application we have taken into account the recent developments at this frontage location.

Once an eroding Cliff edge gets within 10m of an asset (i.e. house, building or road etc.,) an assessment is made on the safety and stability of that asset. This also includes how it can be safely removed should the cliff erode further.

In the case of the Red house (demolished in late 2022) the cliff edge had got within 8m of the seaward face of the building and once the decision to demolish was made it had to be taken down from the back of the building through to the front as it was deemed unsafe to take the plant and equipment between the building and the cliff edge.

The concerns from the Coastal management engineering team are,

Once the cliff edge gets within approx. 5m of the access road, it would be fair to assume that there would be a real risk of the cliff failing and the road being lost.

At this point there would be no access to the property. (In addition any utilities in the road could also be lost)

The CEVA puts the 50 years erosion rate at 37m (medium case) therefore with the road only 27m away we would estimate in Approx 20 years the access road could be unsafe to use or worst case lost.

In turn if access to the property is lost then so is the ability to demolish the property in the future should the cliff edge continue to erode. Therefore, there may need to be a decision made, that before the access road is lost, should the property be demolished?

It would therefore be the recommendation of the Coastal Management team that it would be unwise to grant planning at this time unless some designed coastal management system (similar to that in front of Number 22) is included thus protecting the plot from future coastal erosion.

DC/23/2993/FUL Single storey rear extension

Annies House, Church House, 1 Church Road, Thorpeness – **Support**

DC/21/4315/FUL Erection of a general purpose agricultural building with security fencing and ancillary rainwater harvesting tank. Councillor Wheeler contacted Steve Milligan regarding conditions relating to application

1. The conditions on this application were within 3 months of commencement of development, precise details scheme of landscaping which term shall include tree and shrub planting, grass and earthworks shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.
2. The approved scheme of landscaping works shall be implemented not later than the first planting season following commencement of the development and shall therefore be retained and maintained for a period of five years.

The planting scheme does not appear to be implemented yet.

The reply received stated ESC will contact the Agent and it expected that the planting will take place this coming planting season.

Have your say on a new planning document

East Suffolk Council Public Consultation on a draft Supplementary Planning Document Custom and Self-Build Housing from 6<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## 9. CIL EXPENDITURE UPDATE

The following actions have been taken on CIL Expenditure Items

Speed Indicator to be located in Thorpeness

Councillor Wheeler & Seale have located the new SID device and it up running.

New bus shelter near Aldringham Court

The shelter is expected to be delivered on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September and it is hoped the Contractor will be able to locate it the following day.

ACTION: Councillor Seale & Contractor

2 new picnic tables for Green Mill Hill, Aldringham

It was agreed to purchase 2 new picnic tables to replace the recently stolen picnic table and bench.

## 10. FINANCE

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| COMMUNITY ACCOUNT                         | £68,556.61 |
| BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT                  | £41,893.88 |
| TO PAY                                    |            |
| Compass Point                             | £540.00    |
| Clerk's Salary £673.20 + postage £11.70 = | £684.90    |
| Expenses relating to fixing SID           | £109.22    |
| Leiston Press Newsletters                 | £269.00    |

Bikedock Solutions UK Aggregates Ltd

£4,338.00 + £867.60 VAT = £5,205.60

SCC License for Bus Shelter £150.00 £150.00

+ £50.00 highway permission = £50.00

All agreed proposed Councillor Paulley, seconded Councillor Wheeler

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

1) A resident emailed regarding the work carried out on the Sanctuary Road requesting the Parish Council contact the Hotel & Golf folks to ask if a top surface of gravel could be added to finish the surface repair work.

It was agreed no action would be taken by the Parish Council as they are pleased with the work carried out which has rid the potholes and bumps problem. Clerk will inform the resident of the Parish Councils decision.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

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

- 1) Councillor Seale & Wheeler are looking into an ongoing problem relating to an overgrown hedge that is encroaching onto Mill Lane.
- 2) Check Grit bins for Salt & Sand before the Winter.

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

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### **SIGNED**

**CHAIRMAN**

**16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**