

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 8th JANUARY 2024
THE OGILVIE PAVILION & SPORTS GROUND
MINUTES

PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS: MAUREEN JONES, DENISE LUPTON, SARA PAULLEY, WILLIAM SEALE,
TONY WHEELER & EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL COUNCILLOR SARAH WHITELOCK &
1 PARISHIONER**

PARISHIONERS FORUM

Eric Atkinson updating on the Neighbourhood Plan actions.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Suffolk County Council Councillor T.J. Haworth-Culf who was hoping to make it following a previous meeting she had attended, but unfortunately it went on longer than expected.

2. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Denise Lupton proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Seale – accepted

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th November 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

5. REPORTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR T. J HAWORTH-CULF

The December report can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SARAH WHITELOCK

December 2023 Parish Report

Helping families access affordable school uniform

Community groups, organisations and town and parish councils are invited to apply for funding to help provide school uniform to East Suffolk families in need.

Following a successful round of funding earlier this year, the East Suffolk Uniform Bank grant scheme is now open for a second round of applications. The scheme provides funding for community groups to open a new uniform bank or expand an existing uniform bank.

Once operational, donations of new or pre-loved good-quality uniform, sportswear and school equipment can be made to the banks, which will then be made available to families who may be struggling to afford uniforms.

Uniform banks which have been funded through the previous round of this grant scheme are now operational at Bloodmoor Community Centre in Carlton Colville, Project40Seven at Creative Leiston and St Luke's Church in Beccles.

GLI Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism said: "On average, school uniform costs families over £300 per year, and this can be higher if a school requires the use of a particular supplier, or the uniform contains branded items. Providing uniform, sports kit and other school equipment can be a struggle for many families, particularly those in rural areas. Uniform banks can help ease this pressure by providing good quality uniform to those in need and also helps to reduce clothing waste." Grants are available for up to £3,000 and applications are welcome from community and voluntary groups, organisations and town and parish councils.

Applications close on 28 January 2024.

Full details about how to apply: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/uniform-bank-grant-scheme

For further details, please contact: gemma.fraser@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

[A Warm Welcome for everyone](#)

A network of venues offering residents a warm, safe space to socialise over the winter has reopened for the second year.

East Suffolk Council's Warm Welcomes (formerly Warm Rooms) scheme has now relaunched, with more than 20 village halls, churches and community hubs providing a warm space and an opportunity to connect with other members of the local community. Last year, Warm Rooms operated over the winter months to provide warm, friendly spaces across East Suffolk. This winter, the rooms have been rebranded as Warm Welcomes following feedback received by those using the service, and the host venues.

Part-funded by the UK Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Warm Welcomes provide a safe and welcoming space where members of the community, including people who may be struggling with the cost of heating their homes, can come to meet with others and access information about additional support available in the community.

GLI Cllr Sarah Whitelock "Warm Welcomes provide people of all ages with a safe space to visit to meet others from their community, take part in activities and find out more about other types of support available in their local area."

Earlier this year, community groups interested in joining the Warm Welcomes programme were encouraged to apply for grant funding. Venues must be open for at least 8 hours per week and the funding can be used as a contribution towards energy costs, refreshments, food, activities and the purchase or hire of resources such as craft materials.

Find your nearest 'Warm Welcome' here: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/warm-welcomes

[East Suffolk Through the Lens photo competition launch](#)

A search is underway for fabulous photos celebrating East Suffolk – 'Through the Lens'. East Suffolk Council is excited to announce the return of a competition giving photographers of all ages and experience the chance to showcase their favourite sights and scenes from across the district.

The competition, relaunched under the new name East Suffolk Through the Lens, will see one winning photo grace the cover of East Suffolk Magazine when delivered to every household in the district next spring. High street retail vouchers will also be up for grabs for the overall winner, under-16 winner and three runners-up.

Entrants are encouraged to submit photographs that capture the essence of East Suffolk – from its people and wildlife to its historic buildings and beautiful landscapes.

GLI Cllr Caroline Topping, Leader of East Suffolk Council, said:

“The district is full of inspiration for photographers; the people and places, natural beauty and stunning views. I’m looking forward to seeing how people capture it through the lens. It could be a moment that perfectly represents daily life, or an enduring image that encapsulates what we love about where we live.”

More information about the competition can be found at the East Suffolk Through the Lens webpage. Entries should be submitted via an East Suffolk Through the Lens online entry form before midnight on Sunday 28 January 2024.

Winners will be announced during the week commencing 26 February, with the overall winner receiving a £100 high street voucher and seeing their photo printed on the front cover of the spring edition of East Suffolk Magazine.

One under-16 winning entrant will also be chosen to receive a high street voucher worth £75, while three runners-up will each get a high street voucher worth £25.

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/features/photo-comp/

Ease the squeeze on the cost of living

Are you, or someone you know, worried about the increasing cost of living?

We understand the pressures faced by many people today and we are working closely with key partners to ensure support is available to help ease the squeeze for households in East Suffolk.

To make it as easy as possible for you to access the services and support available, locally and nationally, we have gathered information about them in one place:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/

For the most up to date information regarding East Suffolk Council, please visit:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Does your Beach need a Water Fountain? Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund

Applications open to those wanting to install a water bottle refill station. The fund aims to tackle the increasing problem of plastic bottles accumulating in marine and coastal locations as they damage these environments and the species that call them home. Bids can be up to £2,500 to fund the purchase of one fountain.

6. PARISH AND GROUP ACTIONS

1. PARISH ACTIONS

2. GROUP ACTIONS

1) Thorpeness & Aldringham Heritage Group

Councillor Jones reported the group members will be holding a ‘Winter Warmer’ at The Dolphin on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 6.30 – 7.00 pm @ £17.50 per head.

Work continues with the information boards for the trail in Aldringham.

ACTION: TAHG Members

2) The Ogilvie Pavilion & Sports Ground

It was reported the Architect will be submitting the full planning application for the new build this coming week.

ACTION: The Architect

3) Thorpeness CIC and Steering Group

CIC have written to CPE to ask for a time commitment for covering the exposed Bags on the beach as well as an urgent date for a Steering Committee meeting.

Community update on state of repairs/defence schemes sent in Newsletter form to database on 2nd December 2023. Newsletters have been left in local pub in printed form and will also be available at the Heritage Centre and will be displayed in the Parish Noticeboards.

Discussions continue with neighbours regarding defending the Red House frontage. Attempts have been made to contact the owners re status of the land and mortgage company but to date have had no response.

ACTION: CIC & Steering Group

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Eric Atkinson advised he has sorted through and recorded all the information gathered from the sticky notes etc., from both of the Community Consultation Events. This will be added to the website very shortly.

A meeting is to be arranged with Andrea Long and the Steering Group to discuss further actions on the plan.

ACTION: NHP Steering Group &
Andrea Long

8. ENERGY PROJECT

Suffolk County Council – T.J. Haworth-Culf SZC Highways Update January 2024

See also <https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/track-a-project/>

Main Site (Leiston)

We understand SZC Co are looking to commence the main site in the next week or so and that communications will be sent out by SZC Co shortly beforehand.

Lovers Lane temporary access

This temporary access is now in use and the traffic management on Lovers Lane removed. For now, this will be the main access point into the main site.

Internal Haul Road

SZC Co have informed us that they intend to build a 2.8kmsurfaced haul road to allow access for early site establishment works. As this is off the public highway our specific concerns are the traffic movements generated on the public highway and the access off the public highway rather than the haul road itself. We understand that construction of the haul road (referred to as the Site Establishment Early Access Route – SEEAR). I understand that construction of this will start in the next few weeks (delayed from last week). Based on the information provided earlier the maximum daily movements forecast by SZC CO are 74 per day increasing to 82 during surfacing works.

King Georges Avenue SZC Co are finishing constructing a temporary access off King George Avenue to start construction of an office and welfare block by installing kerbs and a footway. In terms of traffic the works will generate up to 34 HGV movements a day. These will include abnormal (wide) loads, delivery of which has already stated.

A12/A1094 (Farnham)

The temporary measures installed due to safety concerns regarding HGVs turning in and out of the A1094 onto the A12 SZC Co have been mothballed until work restarts on the Benhall site.

Levington:

Water Supply Facility/freight Management Facility

We understand that work in the lay-by will start in the next few weeks but do not have a program update for the FMF access.

Felixstowe Road Lay-by: Anglian Water intending to install standpipes at the lay-by as a temporary measure for filling SZC water tankers soon, but we don't yet have confirmed dates. Part of the lay-by will be coned/fenced off but through access maintained.

A temporary access will be installed just west of the end of the dual carriageway to allow access for archaeology and other surveys. This will be constructed as soon as we receive the details that enable us to agree the technical details. Construction will require temporary traffic signals for a short time.

Freight Management Facility / Water Supply Facility: The planning application has been submitted to ESC and is awaiting determination. This includes forming a new access off Felixstowe Road. We have reviewed this and subject to some minor changes we consider it is acceptable to SCC as the highway authority in planning terms. SZC Co will still be required to seek technical approval from SCC for the access.

Deed of Obligation Schemes

AIL Route Scheme and AIL Structural Survey: Survey and reviews to check that AILs can Structural Condition Surveys (Pavement Condition): Data collected. Awaiting interpretive report which will form baseline to monitor any deterioration.

B1122 Vibration Scheme: Scheme to reduce noise and vibration from road surface and manholes between Yoxford and Leiston. Extent, high level program and specification of work agreed. SZC Co now need to implement repairs within three months from commencement. Likely to see night time road closures on the B1122 from mid-February onwards.

Signage Strategy: The strategy for signage to the main site and the park and rides has been agreed. Those for the main site will be installed before Commencement. At first many will be temporary pending replacement of damaged or installation of additional sign posts.

Travel Plan – Cycle Spaces: SZC CO needed confirm the number of cycle spaces provided at the main site locations. Increase in these facilities is linked to growth of the workforce.

Traffic Management Monitoring System: SZC CO have supplied details of the system they will be using to monitor HGV movements.

Transport Incident Management Plan: SZC Co have provided contact details and process for contacting emergency services and vice versa in the event of an emergency on the highway network.

Planning Applications

- Water Supply Facility, Levington: With ESC. No further update at present
- Access to Aldhurst Farm Visitor Centre, Leiston, off B1122 Abbey Road. This was lodged with ESC just before Christmas. SCC yet to comment.

Other Activities

Highway Condition Surveys

Design and supporting activities.

SZC Co have started the detail design of most of the highway schemes (the associated development in DCO terms) and those in the Deed of Obligation. As part of this they are required to undertake road safety audits and you may see small teams of engineers doing these over the next few weeks. It is probable that other activities such as coring and trial pits will be necessary to inform the design of the highway projects. These would typically be done using temporary traffic management noting that work on the A12 is not permitted during peak morning and afternoon periods.

We have been advised that SZC CO will be applying for a number of temporary accesses off the highway to undertake archaeological and other surveys for the Two Village Bypass and Sizewell Link Road in the next few months.

The design packages we have received so far are:

- AD6: Highway works north of Leiston: We have made initial comments to SZC CO and the design is being updated based on these comments. The only significant change since DCO is that the Bridleway Bridge over Leiston Drian is a more substantial structure as a result of having to carry utility apparatus for the project.
- AD3: A2/B1122 Roundabout at Yoxford: We are reviewing this at the moment. There are some changes to the drainage but these do not significantly alter the appearance of the scheme.

Utility Works

SZC CO have advised us that there are public utility works that are needed to support the project and have requested that SCC are involved in programming these to co-ordinate with all highway works and minimise disruption.

Working Groups

Transport Review Group

The first full post commencement TRG meeting will be held at the end of this month. In time we will start receiving data from the monitoring and this will be published, along with agendas and minutes for the TRG on an ESC website.

Community Working Groups (Main Site, Northern Forum, Southern Forum) are being set up and these will have SCC Councillor representation. The SZC Co Transport Co-ordinator is meant to escalate any highway matters to the TRG and if necessary, SCC highways representatives invited to these groups.

The Parish Council have responded to National Grid's Sealink Interconnector Project and have raised concerns on the following:

1. Construction Traffic through Aldringham
- 1.1. Section 3 Traffic along B1153 AND B1122

2. Suffolk Onshore Scheme Inter – Project Cumulative Effects

Councillor Jones will be attending the Sizewell C Forum on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at LTAA

9. PLANNING

DC/23/4420/LBC

Ogilvie Almshouses, Church Lane, Aldringham

Replacement windows – **Support**

DC/23/4180/TCA

12A Uplands Road, Thorpeness

6 no Sycamores Crown reduce in height by 4 metre and lateral by 2 metres, 1no Hawthorn
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**

10. CIL EXPENDITURE UPDATE

The following CIL Expenditure Items were discussed

- 1) Councillor Wheeler reported he had received an estimate from ElanCity for 3 no Solar Powered Speed indicators, recording the data on these devices will be much easier as it will be accessible online.
These will cost in the region of £8777,00.
- 2) The Picnic Bench to replace the stolen one from Mill Hill need to chosen and ordered.

ACTION: Parish Councillors

11. FINANCE

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£42,006.13
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£71,621.49
TO PAY	
Wave Utilities £8.73 + £1.76 =	£10.49
McAfee Subscription	£34.99
Beacon Lights £23.20 + £4.64 VAT =	£27.84
Ogilvie Pavilion Room Hire	£440.00
Suffolk County Council SID Post	£275.00
David Bracey Play Area Inspection £100.00 + £20.00 VAT =	£120.00
HP Inc. UK Limited £614.08 + £122.99 VAT =	£737.97
Leiston Press Newsletters	£269.00
M.P. Stephenson £240.00 + £48.00 =	£288.00

All agreed proposed Councillor Seale, seconded Councillor Jones

12. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE

1) Aldringham Lane flooding problem

The Parish Council are continuing to investigate the flooding problem. Clearing of the gullies has ease the problem, but long term this is not the solution. Councillor Seale is trying to arrange another meeting with highways.

ACTION: Parish Council/SCC

DISTRIBUTION

13. COUNCILLORS ROUND-UP

a) Councillor Seale reported last week there had been another accident at the Parrot junction. There has been 4 incidents over the past few years so it was decided to look into the possibility of getting a 20 mph on this section of the highway.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12th FEBRUARY 2024

SIGNED

CHAIRMAN

12th FEBRUARY 2024