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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 31st JULY 2024
AT 7:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present at the meeting:

Cllr Alan Revell (Chair)	Cllr Edwina Galloway (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Traci Weaver	Cllr Mark Stewart
Cllr Simon Ransome	Cllr Sarah Courage
Cllr Rob Holden	

In attendance: The Clerk and 0 members of the public.

Welcome by the Chair.

12205 Public Forum

Democratic Quarter-Hour/Public Question Time – Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public, whilst welcome to attend, may not take part in the meeting itself.

No members of the public.

12206 Reports

Report from Sea Link representatives.

Cllr Weaver welcomed the representatives from Sea Link and asked if the main proposal could be taken as read and the presentation could focus on the new proposals onshore, and the impact on Saxmundham and surrounding areas.

The representatives proceeded with the presentation. The cables will come onshore between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness. A connection point in Bradwell was to be in the wrong place. All the cable routes etc remain in the same place. The proposals on the maps show some land changes, there are to be some reductions and increases although some areas have remained the same. The maps show these changes. The document library on the website shows the maps clearly. Sea Link has allowed for up to two other developments to share the system, this being Nautilus and Lion Link. There is no Sea Link 2. The cable route is to be near the Leiston Road, avoiding the busy areas. The convertor station site is to be at Saxmundham. Both the B1121 and the River Fromus will require some work and it is proposed to use the western route not the northern access route. The construction compound site in Aldeburgh is to be smaller, there may however be temporary pylons put in place. The working hours have been extended to include Sundays and Bank Holidays; this will be from 7am to 5pm.

Cllr Weaver stated that the residents do not wish the work to be ongoing every day.

The representatives said that potentially noisy work will be restricted, as would the HGV movements.

Cllr Weaver said that some of the work to be undertaken is beside a Church, a place of worship. Will this be considered?

The representatives asked if these comments could be placed in the feedback.

Cllr Courage asked if the drilling would be taking place all the time?

The reps said that the horizontal directional drilling to be undertaken on the beach between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness would need to be continuous. Mitigation will be taking place to reduce the impact on the local area. Up to three convertor stations may be put in place. Lion Link is not using the same landfall site but will be using the same sites in Saxmundham. Ways of co-

ordinating with the other power projects are being considered, although the Lion Link project is way behind where Sea Link currently is. The DCO will deal with the needed infrastructure. Co-ordination is taking place with the National Grid Ventures, to see how they may work together. There are to be three interconnectors, not 4, and the area required is 6 hectares near to Saxmundham.

Cllr Galloway said that many comments were made about welfare units for the employees, what about the health and welfare of the residents.

The reps commented that there is mitigation in place to reduce the noise, dust and vibration. National Grid has programmes in place for community groups and funding for PC's etc.

Cllr Weaver asked about the Hill Farm compound, Sternfield is being used. There is to be a bridge over the River Fromus which is a small water course.

Reps are coordinating with the Environment Agency.

Report by County Councillor Richard Smith

Richard Smith gave a brief report of the items from Suffolk County Council. There is to be a large solar farm in the west of the county, SCC objected to this, but the government states it may go ahead. The government is strongly in favour of these power projects. Walberswick have objected strongly to the proposed developments but have not been listened to. Villages must continue to strongly object to these developments. The working hours etc are appalling. The additional rows of pylons make Suffolk look like a battle ground. Friston is suffering. East Suffolk is bearing the brunt of the developments, there will be traffic issues and landscaping issues. ESC has moved some of the proposed Garden development near to Saxmundham, on the other side of the A12. On a positive note, the fence at Dorleys Corner, is set to be replaced this financial year. SCC are dealing with a new government and many new ideas. There is to be a meeting at Hurts Hall on Friday evening which he will attend. SCC must object to the proposals on facts and are opposed to the huge buildings. Sizewell C are going ahead without the final investment funding being sorted. Tourism in Aldeburgh may be affected.

Cllr Galloway asked about the new signpost at East Green, a concerned resident has contacted he about the area near Maple Farm.

Richard Smith said that evidence needs to be collated before anything can be done.

Cllr Galloways asked if there could be signs stating the narrow road and the sharp bend.

Richard Smith agreed to ask the Highways Engineer to take a look at this, Maple Farm and Carlton Meres.

Report by District Councillor Ewart

Julia Ewart submitted her apologies for the meeting.

The Chair formally opened the meeting at 7.58pm.

12207 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Harker, Cllr Gwynne, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Buttle and Julia Ewart.

12208 To accept apologies for absence – Accepted.

12209 To record absence without apologies – None

12210 Declarations of Interest – None

12211 To consider any dispensations – None

12212 To consider the Approval of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th June 2024.

The draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated and the version now on the website were approved with abstentions from those that did not attend. Proposer: Cllr Ransome, Seconder Cllr Weaver, with 2 abstentions.

12213 Parish Clerk's Report

Policies – there are three policies to re-adopt, they are the Subject Access Request From, Subject Access Policy and Subject Access Procedure. Audit – the completion notice has now been received, there were no issues to report. Culvert clearing – there has been no further update regarding this issue. Highways Fencing – Richard Smith has now informed us that this work is to be undertaken this financial year. Clothing bank – a resident emailed to state that the signage beside it was incorrect as

the alternative clothing bank has been removed due to vandalism. Car Park – a response has been received from Carl Ruth and the cost to repair the car park will be £400 +VAT. Income – please note that the PC has received interest on the instant savings account of £646.25. It is hoped that the PC will shortly receive the payment from Julia Ewart for the D-Day event, this is a sum of £400. Kelsale Village Hall – liaising has taken place with Cllr Ransome concerning the work on the Village Hall, and an invoice from a building company. A visit to the company did not resolve the issue and as a result Cllr Ransome may have found another building company to undertake the work on the upstairs kitchen. Emergency planning – there was a meeting at ESC house in Melton relating to emergency planning. This was very informative. Bonfire Night – a start has been made on the paperwork for the bonfire night. Sizewell C community fund – a meeting was held in Leiston, this was well attended, it appears that areas directly affected by Sizewell C will have a higher priority. Signage – an email was sent to the Highways Engineer about the ‘unsuitable for HGV’s’ signage. It appears that some evidence may be required before these may be considered. Recreation Ground – UK power networks have submitted a quote to add electricity to the recreation ground, this is at a cost of £7730.50 +VAT. Anglia water required a payment of £166.80 to create a quote. Advertising revenue – one of the recent advertisers has informed us that the advert was a one-off advert and would not be requiring any more. The cost of this needs to be considered. Spinney pocket – there is a branch overhanging a shed in Spinney Pocket, Alan has agreed to look at this. Blocked drain – it appears that there is a blocked drain on the junction of Sandy Lane, Carlton Road and Rosemary Lane, this has been reported. Thank you - a thank you has been received regarding the hedge cutting along the main road. Annual Leave – please note the Clerk will be on Annual Leave on the 9th August.

12214 Clerk’s Report on urgent decisions

None

12215 Matters arising from the Clerk’s report.

Richard Smith said that he may be able to cover the cost of the repairs to the car park, he would need to investigate this. The community fund appears to be difficult to apply for but is worth doing.

Cllr Revell said that the issue of the clothing bank is a concern, a second one would not be the answer as this is a conservation area.

Cllr Ransome said that some clothing has been found in the bottle banks, he is happy to monitor this.

Cllr Revell proposed that some of the interest received is used to fund the quote for the water connection on the recreation ground. This was agreed by all.

Cllr Galloway commented that the PC needs to consider the standing charge etc, once these utilities are in place.

Cllr Revell said that the costs will need to be investigate. The Bonfire Night meeting is to take place on the 12th August.

Cllr Galloway said that there appears to be confusion over the signage for Tiggins Lane, one sign is to be funded by Highways, which appears to be the other end of the lane, the request s for one this end of the Lane.

Richard Smith said the funding is for one sign, the other may come from the Sizewell C community fund.

Cllr Revell commented that unsuitable for HGV’s are only advisory signs.

Richard Smith agreed to take this question away and ask Highways about the funding.

Cllr Revell said that the PC would not be encouraging one off adverts for the newsletter. A site visit will take place to look at the overhanging branch at Spinney Pocket. The blocked drain has been reported, but as there is a bump at the end of Sandy Lane to prevent the water, maybe a slightly higher bump could be installed.

Richard Smith reported that all drains are cleared twice a year, but he has no control over when this is completed.

ACTION: Richard Smith to investigate the possible signage for Tiggins Lane and the car park repairs. Cllr Revell to look at the branch in Spinney Pocket.

12216 Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

10.1 Power Projects – Cllr Weaver reported that any questions for the Northern Transport Forum should be submitted by noon on the 1st August, the PC is permitted 2 questions. The main railway is to be closed for 9 days.

Richard Smith reported that the main line was closed for three consecutive weekends to allow track

work. This has made a huge difference to the noise and vibration from the trains.

Cllr Weaver said it would be useful to obtain if the closure affected the main line between Saxmundham and Halesworth.

Cllr Revell reported that there are several tipper lorries going along the A12.

Cllr Galloway said that many of the holiday lets in East Green are being rented by Sizewell workers.

Cllr Weaver said that she would draft responses to Sea Link and Nautilus and circulate to all.

ACTION: Questions to the Northern Transport Forum to be submitted by noon tomorrow. Cllr Weaver to circulate a draft response to the power projects and circulate to all for comments.

10.2 Carlton Meres – Cllr Revell said that no action has taken place on the roads around Carlton Meres. The Meres are in breach of planning, but nothing is being done. Rendham Road has an issue with traffic. Last autumn it stopped and now it has started up again, it will not be long before another application for more caravan sites is received. Kerbs etc need to be fitted to direct the traffic away from the lanes. Would the Highways Engineer visit the site again.

Richard Smith stated that more action from ESC is required. A site visit from Joe Blackmore and Julia Ewart may be required.

ACTION: Clerk to email Joe Blackmore and Julia Ewart.

Richard Smith left the meeting at 8.39pm.

10.3 Verges – It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

10.4 Highway Signage – This item has been covered.

ACTION: To await further information from Richard Smith.

10.5 Speeding on Main Road – Cllr Holden said that the speed sensors could be placed on the Main Road, this would require funding.

Cllr Revell commented that the mobile speed vehicle has made a presence quite regularly.

ACTION: To continue to place on the agenda. Richard Smith agreed to visit the resident of Low Road, after the general elections.

10.6 Recreation Ground – The Clerk reported that a response from the Highways enforcement team is awaited.

ACTION: To continue to place on the agenda.

10.7 Village Hall Proposals – Cllr Revell commented that a meeting to obtain legal advice for the way forward regarding the offending vehicle is to take place on the 5th August. A response will be given at the next meeting.

ACTION: To continue to place on the agenda.

10.8 Highways Fencing – This item has been previously covered.

10.9 Clothing Bank – This item has been covered.

12217 Parish Council Matters

11.1 Kelsale Village Hall: Cllr Ransome reported that the committee room refurbishment is complete. The main hall is still to have the kitchen replaced; this may be by a local company from Snape. The work on the floor has been booked, as has the fireplace cleaning. There has been a complaint received from ESC about the noise level from the village hall, but there are not enough details so it may have been the village hall hirer or the social club. A quote to change the downstairs disabled toilet has been received, this may be as little as £12,000 or as much as £30,000, this is an ongoing project. There is a garden party on the 4th August.

Everyone thanked Cllr Ransome for his work on the committee room.

ACTION: Cllr Revell to arrange a follow up meeting with the Solicitors.

11.2 To re-adopt the Subject Access Request Form, Subject Access Policy and the Subject Access Procedure - Cllr Holden proposed that the PC adopts the above policies, this was seconded

11.3 Hedges – Cllr Revell reported that the allotment hedge has not been cut for some time. It was agreed that an email should be sent to Nic and ask if the Townlands Trust are prepared to pay for the hedge to be cut. If so, the Clerk could recommend a contractor to assist with this.

The allotment holders do pay rent, so this could be used to pay for the hedge cutting. There are also some vacant allotments, this could be advertised in the Newsletter.

ACTION: Clerk to send an email to Nic re the allotment hedge.

12218 Planning Matters

12.1 Planning Report - The Planning Report had been circulated in advance and there was no

change since the circulation.

12.2 New planning applications since the last meeting:

There were no planning applications.

Notifications:

Cllr Ransome reported that he and another Councillor had attended a Planning Committee meeting at Lowestoft. You are only given three minutes to speak, which is not very long, next time it may be easier to provide a visual guide to show what is being conveyed.

Cllr Stewart commented that the planning application was passed under the cluster policy.

Cllr Revell thanked the Councillors for attending.

12219 Financial Matters

13.1 Financial Statement since the June meeting. See Updated Finance Report of 31st July 2024.

Cllr Weaver proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Galloway and agreed by all, with no abstentions.

13.2 To approve and sign the bank statements: The Bank Statement to 30th June 2024 plus financial reconciliations were presented to the Council and signed by the Chair.

13.3 Quarterly Accounts: The Quarterly Accounts were noted by the Council.

12220 To Receive Reports from Portfolio Holders and Liaison Representatives

12221 Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda

As listed within the minutes.

Cllr Revell commented that areas of the churchyard look untidy, some areas are given to the Biodiversity Group to manage but could the outside of the church be cut back.

ACTION: Cllr Galloway to ask about the grass cutting and upkeep. Clerk to check if the annual donation has been sent to the Church.

12222 Correspondence

Go-compare website link – It was agreed by all that the link should not be added to the website at this present time.

12223 To consider excluding the public and press.

No considerations were necessary.

12224 Excluded items

There were none.

12225 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on the 28th August 2024 at 7pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed: Chairman Dated: