

Pre-meeting Reports
1st September 2009

- 61. Police Report.** The Chairman welcomed PCSO Philip Marshall, Suffolk Constabulary, who gave a brief report on activity that had occurred since the July meeting. He reported on the positive reception that the Go With the Flow Youth Bus had received and how he hoped the SNT could negotiate the buses' regular attendance in the Town in the future. He briefed the meeting on the current operation to clamp down on anti social use of motor vehicles and expressed his disappointment, shared by the meeting, at the wanton vandalism of this year's hanging baskets.
- 62. County Report.** Cllr Ward not in attendance. The Clerk was asked to look at the position of the barrier by the zebra crossing in Waterloo Avenue in relation to the new footpath that had been constructed.
- 63. District Report.** Cllr Hawkins explained that there was nothing to report, August being a traditionally quiet month. Cllr Ginger passed on some residents concerns at the increase in maggots that was occurring due to the fortnightly collection of bins. He asked whether the District would consider reverting to a weekly collection again. It was agreed to put this to Cllr Nunn when he next attended. Mrs Bloomfield wished her thanks to be noted for the way that the current brown bin team always put her bin back correctly. The last team had not been so considerate.

At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on TUESDAY,
1st SEPTEMBER 2009, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor A. M. Cooper (in the chair)
Councillor D. E. Bailey
Councillor B. A. Barnes
Councillor D. Boast
Councillor J. L. Geater
Councillor Mrs S. M. Geater (from 8.25pm)
Councillor C.S. Ginger
Councillor T. J. Hawkins
Councillor T. E. Hodgson
Councillor W. H. Howard
Councillor F. R. Huxley
Councillor N. Parker

- 64. Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Huxley, and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 7th July and the meeting of 11th August 2009 be signed as a true record.
- 65. Apologies.** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr Nunn, Cllr Mrs Nunn and Cllr Morrissey.
- 66. Chairman's Communications.** The Chairman reported that his one engagement in August was to be able to open the new NHS Dentist in Leiston along with Mr Alistair McWhirter, Chairman of the NHS Suffolk.
- 67. Town Appraisal.** Members noted the date for the Public Meeting and hoped there would be a good turn out of residents willing to take the project forward. Members also noted that the questionnaire software they had appraised in August would not only be useful for that project but would also be appropriate to do other, more localised, consultations. The software cost £150 for the base package and then £25 for every questionnaire that was produced. The Clerk explained the mechanics of the process and, satisfied, it was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Hawkins and agreed that the software be purchased from Suffolk ACRE.
- 68. Film Theatre.** Members noted that a decision was still awaited on the planning application for the new signage.
During the above item Cllr Ginger declared an interest and left the room.
- 69. Community Centre.** Members noted the 3 quotes for double glazing for the main hall of the Community Centre and, on a proposition from Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Ginger it was agreed to accept the quote from Coastal Glazing and to add the windows in the small kitchen to the project for a cost of £3,000.

70. Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group. There was some discussion with regard to the aims and objectives of the SPLG and how those fitted in with the concerns of Leiston-cum-Sizewell. It was agreed that membership of the group was still desirable and could be beneficial if the aims were met. They then discussed how they might instruct their representative to proceed when the tricky issue of funding was brought up at the next meeting of that group. After some debate Cllr Huxley proposed that Leiston Town Council note that the SPLG had set a budget of £2,000 and, if asked, would agree to consider making a contribution on a per capita basis in the future. This was seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed. Cllr Hawkins thought that it would be prudent, if this did become the case, to just impress upon the group the proximity of Leiston to the proposed site, and, should Leiston's share of the funding prove to be the lion's share, then this Council would like to see Leiston have the appropriate representation within the group to reflect this.

71. Highways Working Party meeting. Members noted the recommendations from the Working Party held on 16th July and discussed some of the proposals for localised one-way routing in the Town that were contained in those recommendations. A large majority of members were in favour of taking the proposals forward to the County Council to see how they could be worked up so, on a proposition from Cllr Boast, seconded by Cllr Geater, it was agreed that the Clerk liaise with Mr Stiff to take the recommendations forward.

72. Sizewell Stakeholder Group. Members noted the forthcoming meeting on 3rd September and also noted that Cllr Hodgson would be attending in lieu of Cllr Nunn.

73. Finance.

a) Accounts for Payment. It was proposed by Cllr Huxley, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £11,149.92p along with £20,438.22p paid since the last meeting be approved for payment.

The meeting took a break from 8.30 – 8.45pm

74. Planning Matters.

a. C09/1224 – Erection of single-storey front extension to provide lobby & cloak room, 5 Andrew Close, Leiston. Members thought that the proposal was too large for the frontage and was out of keeping.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

75. County Matters.

- a. Highways.** Cllr Ginger briefed members on the areas he had inspected with County Councillor Ward recently and drew their attention to his report of that meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to re-iterate the concerns contained in the report and to add the east end of Seaward Avenue to the list as that needed attention by the High School.
- b. FP16.** Cllr Cooper asked the Clerk to find out the position with the re-routing of Footpath 16.

76. District Matters.

- a.** Nil raised

77. Correspondence.

- a. Through trains to Liverpool Street.** The Clerk was asked to write to National Express and support the requests made by the East Suffolk Travellers' Association (ESTA).
- b. Letter from Allotment Association.** Members noted the enquiry from the Allotment Association with regard to getting guidance on what may or may not be allowed with regard to allotment holders installing taps on their allotments. It was agreed to leave this to the Allotment Committee to investigate.

78. Questions to the chairman. There were no questions forthcoming so,

there being no more business the meeting finished at 9.20 pm.

Chair

Dated
