

Pre-meeting Reports
2nd February 2010

- 146. Police Report.** Members welcomed PCSO Philip Marshall, Suffolk Constabulary, who gave the meeting a breakdown of the crime figures for Leiston for January (attached). He also reported on the ongoing problems experienced by residents in King George Avenue linked to events held at the Sizewell Sports and Social Club. He would be visiting residents in that area soon to encourage them to report ALL incidents of criminal damage etc. that occur as, even though they feel that it is a waste of time, it is not, and helps build up a case to stop the root cause of the problem. As it is, the Club has already agreed to stop the over 16's discos (just a few idiots spoiling it for everyone else as usual) and they are reviewing the over 18 events too. Reporting all incidents, anywhere in town, is important to help build up a picture. Residents are encouraged to call 01473 613500 and report incidents unless it is an emergency. Hearing your wing mirror being damaged is a 999 call whereas finding it damaged in the morning is the Ipswich number. Finally he was asked about detection rates which he undertook to give more details on next month plus he announced that the next public meeting where residents can help set the priorities for the Safer Neighbourhood Team would be in the Community Centre at 7pm on 11th March.
- 147. County Report.** Councillor Ward sent his apologies. Mr Swift asked about the grit on the Cyclepath to Sizewell and the dirt around the Greater Gabbard site (due to farm work mainly in this case). The Clerk offered to pass on his concerns to the relevant authorities. Cllr Howard sought assurance that the extra gritting that took place around the power stations was actually paid for by them.
- 148. District Report.** There were no items raised.

At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on TUESDAY,
2nd FEBRUARY 2010, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor A. M. Cooper (in the chair)
Councillor D Boast
Councillor C.S. Ginger
Councillor T. J. Hawkins
Councillor T. E. Hodgson
Councillor W. H. Howard
Councillor F. R Huxley
Councillor J Morrissey
Councillor Mrs A Nunn

- 149. Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Hawkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Nunn, and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 12th January 2009 be signed as a true record.
- 150. Apologies.** Apologies were accepted on behalf of Cllr Parker, Cllr Mrs Geater, Cllr J Geater, Cllr Nunn, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Barnes.
- 151. Chairman's Communications.** The Chairman began by sadly reporting the death of Mr Roderick Tye, President of the Leiston Royal British Legion. He had passed on members' condolences to Roderick's wife Jean and daughters Jane and Christine. He then gave details of the various events and functions he had attended since the January meeting. These included supporting the Leiston Swimming Club in a winter league match and attending the inaugural open day of the Leiston Lynx Basketball Club. He had gone on to watch an evening basketball match between the Lynx club members and a Swimming Club training session. He praised the youngsters for getting involved and putting the effort in and thanked all the helpers who supported them and who enabled the activities to take place.
- 152. Power of Well Being.** Members discussed the advantages that adopting the Power of Well Being would bring to the Council, the power of first resort being the most attractive. After the training session

the previous week members were fully au fait with the provisions of the act and the conditions that had to be met for its adoption. With two small amendments they approved the draft Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement and, with all those conditions now met it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Nunn, seconded by Cllr Huxley and agreed that Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council met the conditions set down by statute under Local Government Public Involvement Health Act 2007, and did resolve to adopt the Power of Well-Being, including the Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement (attached) forthwith.

- 153. Post Office Consultation.** Members noted the consultation and were very keen to ensure that Post Offices maintained their existing provision and that they strove to increase the range of services that they provided even further in the future. Encouraging all utility companies to allow payment through the Post Office was a good example of how this could be done plus introducing more banking facilities and products suitable for all users.
- 154. Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group.** Members briefly discussed the issues raised at the latest SPLG and noted that Leiston's opposition for a new road from the A12 had been minuted. The groups' ambition is still to forge a social contract with the power industries, the government and the Parishes and is moving forward still with this aim.
- 155. Fairtrade Day 25th February.** Leiston is a Fairtrade Town and will, therefore, be promoting the scheme during the forthcoming Fairtrade Fortnight. The Fairtrade committee have organised an event in the Community Centre on 25th February where everyone will be invited to a Fairtrade Day and be able to sample, discuss and get involved with Fairtrade products and awareness.
- 156. Chairman's Reception.** Members noted the intention to hold this year's Chairman's Reception on 22nd April although – post meeting note – it has had to be **changed to Tuesday 20th April**.
- 157. Newsletter.** Members noted the Clerks intention to try and highlight the increasing anti-social behaviour of some dog owners who do not clear up after their dogs around the Town. There were some other articles to go in and the meeting was asked to submit anything they wished to go in before 12th February.
- 158. Finance.**
- a) Accounts for Payment.** It was proposed by Cllr Huxley, seconded by Cllr Hawkins and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £4,604.76p along with £11,772.79p paid since the last meeting be approved for payment.

The meeting took a break from 8.10 – 8.30pm

159. Planning Matters.

- a. C10/0047 - Change of use to 6 bed roomed guest house with owners/managers accommodation and creation of new vehicle access at Elmbank 48 Waterloo Avenue, Leiston.** Members noted the accompanying correspondence which indicated that the new driveway and parking were included in the application in case they were considered necessary. It was considered that the work should be done if the guests cars would otherwise be parked on Waterloo Avenue. It was also requested that a condition be put in that all guests be warned not to arrive or depart at school drop off and pick up times due to the Road Safety issues involved.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

During the above item Councillor Huxley and Councillor Howard declared an interest and left the room

- b. C09/2010 – Erection of rear extensions and alterations together with front porch extension and new vehicular access at 118 Haylings Road, Leiston.** Members felt that the plans for extension of the property in this application were in keeping and proportionate.
- c. C10/0139 – Erection of conservatory at 14 Colonial Court, Station Road, Leiston.**
- d. C09/1872 – Resurfacing of driveway and parking areas at All Saints Catholic Church, Seaward Avenue, Leiston.**

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- e. **CC/10 – New site office and welfare facility at existing HWRC, Lovers Lane, Leiston.** Members noted the new arrangements for glass and pointed out that noxious and flammable items should not be stored under the new office. Cllr Ginger also pointed out that raising the height of the office to two storeys in an AONB would have to be looked at carefully for any impact.

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160. County Matters.

- a. **Highways.** Members noted that County had funds to put in some dropped kerbs in the Town and had asked members for recommendations on where they were required. Three sites were identified. Cross Street, opposite Central Road, outside the Fire Station and on the corner of Sizewell Road and Urban Road to help residents cross Urban Road safely.

161. District Matters.

- a. Nothing raised.

162. Correspondence.

- a. Members noted the correspondence, none of which required action.

163. Questions to the chairman. There were no questions to the Chairman.

There being no more business the meeting finished at 8.52pm.

Chair

Dated