

Pre-meeting Reports
6th July 2010

28. **Police Report.** The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Mark Beresford, Suffolk Constabulary. Sgt Beresford gave members a thorough report on criminal activity in the town during June (a detailed report is attached) and then briefed the meeting on the work that had been done over the last 5 weeks to curb the activities of the group of young people (12-22yrs old) who were/are causing all the trouble around the town. Cllr Ginger asked for speed checks in Red House Lane and Westward Ho and Mr Cowee asked for an update on some recent incidents on the allotments. Sgt Beresford reminded everyone that the public tasking meetings held in Leiston and Aldeburgh (the next one in the Leiston Community Centre on 15th July) were the ideal place to come to pass on concerns and to find out what the police were doing. The meeting also heard that Inspector Stonehouse had been posted sooner than expected and that a new Inspector would be in post as from this week – he hoped to be able introduce himself at the next meeting.
29. **County Report.** The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Richard Smith who reported more bad news with regards to Governmental cut backs. It looked very likely that the Buildings for Schools programme would not get the funding to continue yet, in response to questioning, the County did not currently have any intentions of halting the move to two tier education in the Leiston pyramid (with the subsequent loss of school buildings in Saxmundham). There was a discussion on this issue before Cllr Smith explained the Counties future strategy to re-shape and save money in its own organisation over the next few years.
30. **District Report.** Cllr Geater had nothing to report. Mr Briggs informed the meeting that the application for lottery funding to progress the alterations at Haylings Meadow had passed the stage 1 hurdle successfully and he asked the District for their support as it went into the next stage.

During the above discussions, the time reaching 7.30pm, it was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Huxley and agreed, that standing orders be suspended to allow the public part of the meeting to continue.

At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on TUESDAY,
6th JULY 2010, at 7.53 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor A. M. Cooper (in the chair)
Councillor D. E. Bailey
Councillor B. A. Barnes
Councillor J. L. Geater
Councillor Mrs S. M. Geater
Councillor C.S. Ginger
Councillor T. E. Hodgson
Councillor F. R. Huxley
Councillor J. Morrissey

31. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Huxley, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 1st June 2010 be signed as a true record.

- 32. Apologies.** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs Mr and Mrs Nunn, Cllr Howard, Cllr Boast, Cllr Parker and Cllr Hawkins.
- 33. Chairman's Communications.** The Chairman gave members all the details of his activities in June which had been quite a busy month. The functions attended included the Family Fun Day at Aldeburgh's Kings Field (organised by the Leiston and Aldeburgh Safer Neighbourhood Team), the mayormaking at Eye, a meeting at the Primary School with the Headteacher and Suffolk Coastal's new MP, the High Sheriff's reception and a meeting at the High School to discuss the future with the parents and staff. He also described supporting the ATC at the Theberton Fete, attending a Leiston Swimming Club training night, meeting the parent committee at Leiston ATC and attending the Leiston Middle School Fayre. There was the AGM of the newly formed Leiston Business Association, the Leiston Schools pyramid Fun Event at the High School, a meeting with EDF (along with other Councillors) and a meeting at the Old Abbey, organised by the High School to discuss "Bringing Together Business and Education".
- 34. CCTV.** The Clerk had heard from Aldeburgh Town Council who were currently assessing the usefulness of a trial installation in their town before they pursued any joint working in the Safer Neighbourhood Area overall.
- 35. Town Appraisal.** Cllr Bailey reported on the meeting of the Appraisal Committee who had recently studied the work done on assessing the Town Plan (which emerged from the last appraisal), done by the LDCP and Cllr Cooper, and had commented on the results. Overall the committee were able to identify a lot of positive outcomes both of completed projects and ongoing ones. The Traffic Order Review would address quite a few of the other items but some of the larger issues (narrow pavements in the High Street for instance) needed huge infrastructure investment which, realistically, would not, for the moment, be forthcoming. The detailed comments from the committee would be on the September Agenda.
- 36. School Council.** The Clerk had heard from the School Council who were busy with exams etc. at the moment but who were very eager to come and present to Council in September. Members were pleased to agree to this and asked the Clerk to arrange a suitable time and date. The County Councillor was invited to attend too.
- 37. Sizewell emergencies.** Prior to the meeting with EDF (reported below), the Station Manager, Jim Crawford, updated members on the recent fire in a charcoal bed at Sizewell B Power Station. He illustrated how the bed was doused and left to cool with very little heat damage evident to the contained building. Members noted that there was little danger from the event but were keen to expand on the system in place to reassure local residents that that was indeed the case. It appeared that, 11 years ago, when Cllr Huxley was Chairman, he had been informed of an emergency telephone number which had been installed so that local residents could ring when they heard the alarms and saw the emergency services dash to the Station. This was automated and had a message on to inform the caller of what was happening. It was a surprise to learn that, apparently, this had not been working for the last 10 years and a resident who phoned last week, during the incident, confirmed it still did not work. The Clerk was asked to follow up on this and liaise as this was considered an essential community aid. 5 fire engines roaring to Sizewell can cause the stations near neighbours a lot of concern.
- 38. Meeting with EDF.** The Chairman reported back on a meeting that had been held with EDF New Build Team the previous evening. He was disappointed that the presenters did not really tell them very much at all and wondered why they were not able to do that at a public meeting. The main points were that EDF were currently still investigating all the many aspects that needed to be known about to allow them to put forward a plan in 18 months time. Before that however the company would be doing two consultations with the public – the first with some options for many of the issues that would affect the local area (transport, accommodation etc.) and the second which would publish all the comments received during the first and would seek to layout the reasoning, bearing those comments

in mind, for settling on any particular options and asking for further feedback. The first stage would be this winter, the second next summer.

39. Finance.

- a) **Accounts for Payment.** It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Morrissey and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £8,760.79p along with £11,777.60p paid since the last meeting be approved for payment.

The meeting adjourned for 20 minutes (8.20pm – 8.40pm) for refreshments

40. Planning Matters.

- a. **C10/1547 – Listed building consent to replace existing porch (revised scheme) on Abbey Cottage, Eastbridge Road, Leiston**

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- b. **C10/1645 – Two new class bases, a linking corridor along the side of the dining hall and a new library /ICT base; external works to the site; new fence and ball court and alterations and additions to existing car parking. Leiston Primary School, King Georges Avenue, Leiston.** As a separate yet linked issue, the Clerk was asked to try and resurrect talks on moving the public footpath between the Primary School and Children’s Centre.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

41. County Matters.

- a. **Road Safety.** Members noted that Cllr Ginger and the Clerk had met with residents of Heath View to discuss their petition and to look at the road safety issues raised in it. Mr Luke Barber, the road safety officer from the County Council, also attended and explained to residents what physical work was feasible to try and restrict speed on the entrance road into Heath View. With many of the works almost certainly being unaffordable it was agreed to look at using the forthcoming Traffic Order Review to try and manipulate parking in the road to reduce speeds.
- b. **Waterloo Avenue.** There was even more frustration that the incorrectly placed safety barrier by Colonial Park had still not been moved.
- c. **Visit to Great Blakenham.** Members asked the Clerk to organise a trip in October.

42. District Matters.

- a. **No matters raised.**

43. Correspondence.

- a. **Letter from Coldfair Green School.** Members noted the request from Coldfair Green School for a donation toward their library project. They opted to review this request in December along with any other requests received during the year.
- b. **Leiston Old Folks Outing.** Members noted the request from LOFO for a grant to help stage this years event and, on a proposition from Cllr Huxley, seconded by Cllr Geater, it was agreed to release the £150 set aside for this event in the budget as allowed by the Power of Well Being. It was also noted that third party liability cover for this event was included in the Council’s insurance.

During the above item Cllr Bailey declared an interest.

- c. **Youth Development Work.** Members noted that Miss Thompson intended to set up a gazebo on Victory Road Recreation ground on a couple of dates during the summer to do some youth development work. Members were pleased to be able to accommodate this with the usual conditions.

44. **Questions to the chairman.** There were no questions for the Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Huxley, seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed that under the Public Bodies Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

45. **Staff update.** The clerk took the opportunity to update members on staffing.

There being no more business the meeting finished at 9.07 pm.

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