

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
of the Parish Council held on the 4th of September 2019

Present:- Parish Councillors; Roger Benstead, Peter Dance, Ric Earle, Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, Chris Norrington (Chairman), Kenneth Parry Brown, and Frank Potter (Vice Chairman).

Apologies were received from Stephanie Liston and Steve Pewsey.

2019/123 The Chairman welcomed councillors and 4 members of the public.

2019/124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

The Chairman suspended the meeting at this point.

2019/125 PUBLIC FORUM - Matters raised were all concerning the Sizewell C stage 4 Public Consultation. Points raised were as follows:-

The Council has a right make comments to government.

Spent fuel waste from Sizewell is estimated at 300 tons, waste from the C generators will be more radio-active.

A concern was also voiced concerning the dangers of low dose radio-activity to health.

The need for new nuclear generation was questioned in the light of declining demand for electricity.

Sizewell C will be twice the size of Sizewell B and there would consequently be twice the traffic, 18% of which would be using the A1120.

Other Local Councils were coming out against the building of Sizewell C at all.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the content of the draft response of the Council to the Consultation is concerned with the effects on the village during the construction period and afterwards and the major concern is with traffic.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at this point.

2019/126 MINUTES of the Meeting of 10/07/2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

2019/127 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

2019/128 FINANCIAL REPORT - Balances (at 31/07/2019) - Current A/C - £21384.29, Deposit A/C - £7121.12. Cheques signed: East Suffolk Council £108.80 (uncontested election fee) Speedar Ltd. £32.88 (Hi-Viz clothing for Speedwatch), M. Trovell £125.07 (Railings Painting materials).

The Clerk reported that the Anti-virus renewal for the Council lap-top will be due in October. Renewal rates are £59.99 (reduced from £89.99) for one year and £94.99 (reduced from £179.99) for two years. It was agreed by all councillors to renew for two years. The Clerk to expedite.

2019/129 PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO THE SIZEWELL C STAGE 4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Kenneth Parry Brown introduced the draft consultation submission.

There are difficulties in making crossrail connections therefore the rail-led proposal is for upgrades to the existing network rather than the building of new rail loops.

With no significant rail improvements the option is for road, this will bring a significant increase in traffic.

The A12 to Sizewell link road will necessitate a roundabout to the south of Yoxford instead of a roundabout in Yoxford.

A DMS system will be fitted to lorries in the case of a road option but not if the rail option is followed. The Council recommends that there is a receiver in the village to monitor HGV movements through it. Light goods vehicles, of which there could be 700

movements per day, will not be monitored. A1120 movements are predicted to increase by 25%.

It is suggested that there should a 20mph speed limit through the village, enforced by a permanent speed camera. an opinion was voiced that 20mph may be difficult to enforce and may be restrictive to traffic flow.

It is suggested that the link road should be retained rather than being demolished after the site is completed.

The Chairman suggested that the village should have air quality monitoring during the construction phase and that double glazing should be offered to properties that will be affected by traffic noise.

The Chairman requested that issues should be submitted to Kenneth Parry Brown in advance for the Council to consider at the next meeting and that councillors should look at the on-line consultation documents.

2019/130 SAFEGUARDING ISSUES There were no safeguarding issues reported.

2019/131 THE APPOINTMENT OF A PARISH CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER - In accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, a motion was proposed by Councillor Levett-Scrivener and seconded by Councillor Dance and unanimously agreed, to exclude the public and press for the discussion in relation to the appointment of a Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Accordingly the members of the public left together with the present Parish Clerk.

After a report by the Appointments Panel on the interviews carried out earlier in the day, it was unanimously agreed that Sharon Smith be appointed to the position at salary point 12 to reflect her current qualifications and experience.

2019/132 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.