

Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2009 at The Village Hall Middleton

Present: Malcolm Blakeney (Chairman) Trevor Tate (Secretary) Jon Swallow (Thebeton) Marian Andrews (District Councillor & Saxmundham) David Burns – Margaret Swanenburg (Benhall & Sternfield) Alan Mackley (Blythburgh) G R Gilbert (Stratford st Andrew & Farnham) Tony Cox (Kelsale)

1 Apologies: T E Hodson (Leiston) Roger Coates-Smith (Darsham) S Robinson (Middleton)

2 **Welcome and introductions**

3 The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2009 were approved – Proposed David Burns Seconded by Jon Swallow confirmed and signed

4 A report of the Steering group meeting held on 30th September 2009
Further to the letter sent to the leaders of Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council a positive reply was received asking members of the steering group to meet with the executive and officers of both councils – A letter has been drafted to send to Lord Mandelson with a view to initiating talks to complete a social contract between The Government, EDF Energy and the local communities surrounding Sizewell – full support for this letter was given by the members

5 Parishes “Wish List” of infrastructure needs – some parishes have produced their wish lists to enable the group to collate an accurate list of needs – Transport –Roads – Health – Education were common to all but specific individual wishes, with impact on communities – Village Halls – Recreation facilities etc -Without your list your views will not be known.

6 Funding – It was agreed to ask Town Councils and Parishes for a small levy towards the running costs - £30 from Parishes and £150 from Town Councils – a summary of what has already been achieved with a request to be sent to all parishes.
It was also agreed to approach EDF for funding from their community fund.

7 EDF Critique – There had been a very positive response to the Critique written by The Chairman regarding the expansion of Sizewell should it take place. More importantly it highlighted the fact that EDF had a social responsibility to the local communities.
This group has been formed specifically to voice the wishes of all the local parishes.
A Group letterhead has been designed by Jon Swallow and was unanimously approved.

8 Website: Setting up the SPLG website through OneSuffolk has still not been completed due to a software problem – we are still trying.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th January 2010

