

Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd November 2010

At the Village Hall Theberton

Present: Malcolm Blakeney (Chairman), Trevor Tate (Secretary), Alan Mackley (Blythburgh), Sir Peter Batho (Saxmundham & SCDC), Paul Brett (Friston), Mandy Aldridge (Walberswick), Jon Swallow (Theberton & EastBridge) Terry Hodgson (Leiston) David Burns (Benhall & Sternfield) Roy Dowding (Middleton) and Barry Slater (SCDC).

1. Apologies: Marian Andrews (Saxmundham) Bernadette Eklid (Benhall & Sternfield) Roger Coates Smith -
2. Welcome & Introductions.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2010 were confirmed, approved & signed.
4. Chairman's report on his discussions with deputy leader of West Somerset DC –who is setting up a Parishes Group, whose aims mirror SPLG regarding the development at Hinckley Point. It is envisaged that co-ordinated contact between us will be beneficial in our community aims. A group of councillors from local West Somerset councils had paid a visit to the France to see at first hand the effect on communities – a request by SPLG members to visit the EDF site in France would be of value
5. Updated copy of the Community Fund proposal. The proposals are constantly reviewed to reflect the priorities of members and the needs of the communities. Agreement was made to send amended report to EDF, SCDC and SCC.
- 6 Local Council Task group – Total amazement at SCDC decision NOT to allow a representative of SPLG to sit on the Task group. There appears to be NO sensible explanation – We represent local Towns and Parishes – we know the local problems and analyse effects on local communities. We consider our input to be vital information to the planning process. Originally intimated our inclusion on the task group – only to be rebuffed why! So much for community involvement and the Big Society. We will continue to make representation to Suffolk Coastal DC, Suffolk CC and EDF.

- 7 Finance: Cash in Bank £289.50 – Subscriptions due April 1st 2011 Proposed
to provide The Secretary with a set fee to cover expenses – discussion at next
steering meeting.
- 8 Website : Suffered a virus – Web provider believes cured. Agenda, Minutes and
copy of interest to be placed on website – It was suggested the group has a Press
officer – any volunteers. We have a member who would copy write articles.
- 9 AOB – Proposed that group inform the press of the attitude of the SCDC Task group.
“Local Communities Snubbed “

Next Group meeting 15th February 2011 Venue to be confirmed

Next Steering Group committee meeting 18th January 2011

The Chairman and committee wish all the members a happy Christmas and a
peaceful NEW YEAR.