

**Minutes of the SPLG Steering Group held on Thursday 4th August 2016 at Long Drift,
Eastbridge at 2.30 pm.**

1. The Chairman welcomed the members-Cllrs. D. Burns, CA. Mackley, G. Gilbert and M. Blakeney Secretary. There were no apologies.
2. The meeting confirmed Cllr. John Walford as a member of the Steering Group.
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd February 2016 were confirmed.
4. Financial report. The Secretary reported that the total funds amounted to £945.67. A new Auditor required to replace Sue Nicholson-suggestions required from members. Invoices to pay: Website £80 to MHCreatations and hire of Theberton VH £14. Annual member subscriptions for 2016/17 to be placed on hold until, and if, the EDF deal is ratified by the British Government. Meanwhile Secretary to continue working to maintain the SPLG office.
5. The Steering Group agenda was, in part superseded, by the sudden British Government review of the EDF contract at Hinckley Point. The Steering Group members deliberated on the reasons for the review, which included Chinese security; high cost of a unit of electricity; design faults; deficit finances of the company; and Brexit (allowing government to inject finance into the scheme). The Steering Group decided that it was an opportune time to write to the Prime Minister, making her aware of SPLG and the difficulty of gaining any EDF financial commitment, or changes to its current construction proposals, after three years of negotiation, to road infrastructure, worker accommodation and educational and social community benefit for local people.
6. The Steering Group decided to place on hold the gathering of information and statistics until the government makes a decision on Hinckley Point C. Should the EDF project be given the go-ahead in the autumn, SPLG to request funding from SCDC to engage a planning consultant; Suffolk University students to undertake research into specific topics-e.g. transport for young people and number/percentage of retirees in the area around Sizewell C, play provision for children etc.
7. The Steering Group agreed to continue sending reports and minutes to Leiston Town Council-the Clerk and Cllr. Terry Hodgson.
8. The Steering group decided to send a report to all SPLG member councils and others not members, stressing the work that had been undertaken on their behalf since the inception of SPLG in 2009. (Attached). To be sent with an invitation to the next General Meeting.
9. Youth Paper. The Steering Group decided to distribute the report and questionnaire at Consultation 2 but also highlight feedback about community benefit issues and needs around health services; retirement, children and community buildings etc.
10. The Steering group decided to hold a General Meeting of SPLG on Thursday 15th September for 7.30 pm. at Theberton VH. Purpose of the meeting to acquaint members with the latest developments from the government on EDF; provide background on recent SPLG activity; receive issues from members; and update the Constitution.