

Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 7.00pm In Snape Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Paul Richards, Cllr Jackie Allfrey
Cllr Graham Farrant, Cllr Russ Rainger, Cllr Margaret McKenna
Cllr Tim Beach And Cllr Georgina Lock

Attendance: 1 members of the public.

Presentation by Sizewell C (SZC) representatives.

TMcG – Snape Parish Council has been very involved with the consultation process, and attended many of the meetings. Responses have been submitted at every level of the consultation. It is very important that this communication continues with the community team in Leiston. This presentation this evening is not presuming that the project will get the planning consent. The process has been worked on for some 12 years. The Secretary of State received a report in Feb. The process is ongoing. There is to be a Ministerial Statement on the 8th July. All the documents will be available on line after this. The representatives are joining this evening as part of SZC, not all of the energy projects. Scottish Power have been meeting with SZC every two weeks, some of the work proposed will overlap. Traffic concerns are a major concern for both projects. The 'Deed of Obligation' is linked to S106. This is mitigation proposals which are not physical.

A reminder of the proposal, nuclear generates about 17% of the electric required in the UK. Gas is the 'king' now, it is no longer coal. 7 out of the 8 power stations will be closed by 2030. The demand for the electricity is increasing. Sizewell B is the youngest, it began in 1995, and it generates 3% of the electricity, Hinkley generates 7%. A & B sites at Sizewell take around 36 hectares of land, SZC will take 32 hectares. There are to be two access routes from the B1122.

Cllr McKenna asked if the life expectancy of SZB will be extended.

TMcG – The ScB will continue until 2035, but it could have an extension to 2055. A combination of Hinkley C, SZB and SZC will provide 17% of the required electricity. Climate change is a big issue. SZC will have a small land print. Wind or solar power has a larger land print, thousands of acres. SZC will take about 10-12 years to build. The site will be 33 hectares, with a further 250 hectares for the support processes. It is hoped that this will start in 2023, if the go ahead is given. Financing is an issue. Most of the material deliveries will take place by rail and sea. There will be a park and ride system, with people involved with the process being given a set route to follow. GPS will assist and there is to be a logistics centre on site. Old Felixstowe Road will be a pull in site for HGVs, if the route ahead is clear, they may progress to the A12. Hacheston is the next site for route check, this is a traffic incident management area. HGV's will then move forward to the Sizewell link road which bypasses Yoxford. HGV's will remain on the main SZC site until the route back is cleared.

Cllr Beach asked if there will be a team monitoring the dots moving on a map, the vehicles with the GPS. TMcG – confirmed there would be; the logistics management plan is large; this will need to consider the freight movements as well as the boat movements. Conditions on set routes will need to be put in place. Sizewell own 600 hectares, and there is already a large biodiversity group in place. There is also a partnership with Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Some land will be used on a temporary basis for the construction of the main site. Aldhurst Farm is a recently new habitat purchased about 7 years ago. Any agricultural land used will be changed to AONB and not returned to agricultural. Money will be invested to address biodiversity. The recommended four village bypass would have been difficult to obtain planning consent. The Department of Transport has recommended the two-village bypass. Scottish Power and SZC have a traffic forecast. The peak in construction is thought to be 2028. The A1094 will have in the region of 450 extra vehicles. A 3% increase in AM, and a 9% increase in the PM. This will drop when the

link road will open. This is not all HGV movements. It is thought that Tunstall will have a car issue. The displacement of cars by local people. In the rural areas, any increase in numbers of vehicles shows. There will be no fly parking in Snape, parking passes will be given to employees. If you live between the Deben and the Blyth estuary, you may park on site.

Cllr Richards commented that Bentwaters have submitted an application for a park and ride site.

TMcG – The Bentwaters park and ride is a temporary site for 120 employees who will create the wetland for the Marsh Harriers. It is requested that this work will be completed first.

Cllr Beach said that the mini buses to ferry the staff will not be too much of an issue in itself but there will be concerns about it setting a precedent. Will the site then become permanent?

TMcG – Bentwaters will not be a rival site to Hacheston.

TMcG left the meeting at 7.41pm.

AM – The 'Deed of Obligation' is very similar to the S106 of the project. SCC and ESC are involved with this. The funding for this area is higher than Hinkley. There is a governance structure put in place and this covers lots of working groups and review groups. The three main groups are the Planning, Environment Review, and the Transport Review. There is a forum in place for PCs to communicate with. The traffic and transport consist of SCC, ESC, National Highways, SZC & Police. The forums meet on a quarterly basis. Accommodation and Housing – there are 2,400 beds on campus with a further 600 caravan spaces. Emergency services – there are £8m funding for the Police, possibly funding for the Fire & Ambulance and some for community safety. There is a 24/7 occupational health service. The Community Fund - £23m, this is to be led by Suffolk Community Foundation. SZC are to work with the partnerships to assist finding where funding is needed. Funds will be available in the first year. The Tourism Fund is to be led by ESC. Skills and employment are to be led by SCC. The Environment is to be led by AONB and has £12m. Recreational sites – the impact on the PROW is being monitored by people counters, as this will have an impact on the wildlife. Noise -there will be offers of assistance to mitigate this. The funds will be available in time no when planning consent is issued, if it is passed.

Cllr Richards thanked the SZC representatives for attending.

Cllr Lock asked what happens if no planning is given?

AM commented that there is no additional information available. The habitats that have already been created near the site will remain.

Cllr Beach said that the PCs were not included in the consultation around the Deed of Obligation in the made by ESC, as they refused to speak with our PC and others.

Cllr Rainger commented that the SZC promise constant commitment to the community.

Cllr Beach said that the traffic review group needed to listen to the communities, there will be some predictable issues with traffic.

Cllr Rainger said that Leiston Police team are to assist with the traffic. Information regarding this will be published.

Cllr Richards commented that the Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF) will assist with funding.

Cllr Rainger said that SCF will assist with funding for the PC's, what they can access. Speeding will be an issue. There will be a combined group of about 40 PC's all bidding for funding

Cllr Richards commented that there is much tension in the community about SZC. The footpath counters upset people, they felt as they were being watched.

Cllr Rainger stated that the timeline of events for SZC may be useful to residents.

SZC team left at 8.14pm

Cllr Allfrey left at 8.15pm.

1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Hough and Cllr Norman.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Member

None

3 Applications for Dispensation

None

4 Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 24 May 2022.

Cllr Rainger proposed that the minutes are a true record of the meeting held on the 24 May 2022, this was seconded by Cllr Lock and agreed by all who attended.

5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 24 May 2022.

5.1 Power Projects/National Grid consultation on Sea Link – Cllr Beach said that there has been no more briefings and consultations relating to Nautilus and Sealink. The tracker for SZC is available online.

Cllr Rainger commented that Nautilus have published their responses, they received 262. There is concern how to move these projects forward.

Cllr McKenna suggested that we should prepare an action plan to enable the PC to gain some of the project funds. The road is an issue, this will separate parts of the village. Maybe we could refresh our memory as to what the village plan includes.

Cllr Richards agreed that a meeting as a group to look at the village plan would be useful.

ACTION: Cllr Richards to arrange a meeting to look at the village plan, this is to review the plan, not make any formal decisions, any ideas to be brought back to the PC meeting.

5.2 Traffic Calming – Cllr Beach stated that having sent a chasing email the engineer has sent a response, now waiting for the consultation plan.

Cllr McKenna asked if there was a timeline for the proposed work.

Cllr Richards said he will talk to the school, as some of the parents wished to be involved with this.

ACTION: To place on the next agenda.

5.3 Housing needs – Cllr Beach said that discussions between the Housing Association and the landowner are ongoing.

5.4 Priory Road – Cllr Richards reported that the resurfacing has been put on hold until the drainage issue has been resolved.

5.5 Bio-diversity and climate change – Cllr Richards commented that this is ongoing.

5.6 Village green projects – Cllr Richards said that the Talking Bench is ready for delivery, but it has an installation cost of £76.

Cllr Beach proposed that the PC pays £76 for the installation of the Talking Bench, this was seconded by Cllr Rainger and agreed by all.

Cllr Lock stated that there had been a slight problem with the allotments.

Cllr Beach said that the boundary line had been agreed in a meeting with the property owner and PC reps previously and there was no need to change this.

Cllr Beach said that any further issues with the boundaries should come through the Clerk, and a formal letter written confirming the boundary had been agreed.

Cllr Richards agreed to talk to Cllr Allfrey about the allotment situation, and encourage the need for correspondence to be through the Clerk, and a letter to be sent to the property owner regarding the boundary fence.

ACTION: Letter to be written to the property owner of the boundary in question.

6 Consideration of Reports from the District Councillors and the County Councillors.

Cllr Rainger commented that some of the rented properties belonging to Waveney in 2014 were incorrectly charged rent, this is now being resolved. There is a new officer in place to look at the environmental goals.

7 Contribution by Members of the Public.

None

8 Planning Applications & Decision Notices.

DC/22/2338/FUL – Waterfields, Wadd Lane, Snape, IP17 1QY.

Alterations to the existing outbuilding to the south of Waterfields.

Cllr Farrant commented that the site sits alone, no neighbours, it is just a plan to turn around the barn so that the front opening faces the house.

It was agreed by the Councillors that there was no comment to make.

Holly Lodge – Cllr Farrant commented that the plan is to demolish the old house and replace with a new house and annex. More plans have been drawn up, with changes to materials. The footprint has not changed.

Cllr Richards commented that the PC were not consultees on the latest planning application linked to SZC; this is the proposed park and ride at Bentwaters, but the minibuses will travel along the B1069.

Cllr Beach said that Bentwaters may want to have this as a permanent area and this would be an issue of concern.

Cllr Rainger stated that the park and ride is only while the wetlands area is being created, not long term. It was agreed that the PC should make a comment.

ACTION: Cllr Farrant to draft a suitable response on behalf of the PC.

9 Parish Council Business

- a) Community Governance Review – Cllr Richards said that there are no recommendations that will affect Snape.
- b) SCC Highways – As mentioned previously.

10 Correspondence

Cllr Rainger commented that the planning system is to be digitalised. There is a Community Led Housing meeting in October, this is of no interest to the PC. The SALC AGM is to be held on the 20/07. Cllr Rainger wishes to step away from this role and would like someone else to attend. Cllr Richards agreed to attend the SALC AGM.

Cllr Beach said that there has been a request from SALC for a SZA/B stakeholder group. The PC should engage with this.

11 Matters for consideration at the meeting on the 26th July 202

SZA/B stakeholders' group

13 Dates of the Next Meeting

26 July 2022

30 August 2022 (Urgent items only)

27 September 2022

Meeting Closed – 8.52pm.

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