

Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2010 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) Terry Hodgson (Leiston) Roger Coates-Smith (Darsham) Barry Slater (District Councillor)

1 Apologies: Tony Cox (Kelsale) Paul Hartley (Kelsale)

2 **Welcome and introductions**

3 The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2009 were confirmed, approved and signed

4 A report of the Steering group meeting held on 30th November 2009. Following the Government Nuclear Policy Document it was agreed to write a response to be circulated to the papers and government bodies. MB to complete. Finance:TT to request for payment of membership fee £30 for Parish Councils - £150 for Town Councils. Request for grant funding from British Energy JS to write. On going communications with SCC and SCDC to organise informal meeting.

5 Parish community projects draft paper has been sent to all members with a request to amend or add to their needs. A discussion regarding local projects and their impact followed and new ideas will be included in the final paper

Updated road infrastructure was vital – particularly from the A12 as the rural roads on route will become “rat runs”. Construction traffic will create a huge traffic problem in itself. Park and Ride facilities should be provided to prevent villages becoming Parking zones. Leiston would not approve of a dedicated link from A12 – there are only narrow roads leading to the site, what solutions could help? Identifying the problems – suggesting various alternatives will contribute to the authorities ultimate solutions.

Housing – converting contractors accommodation to community housing when construction is complete

Education & Training – a must for the wider community – all types of skills required – larger training schemes and broad based site skills – training facilities and links between local colleges and training establishments.

Broadband – Urgent need to upgrade broadband service

Recreation facilities- for families and young people – play areas are in need of maintenance and upgrading – at present there is insufficient funds available.

Conservation- major issue – Minsmere sluice and sea defences – long term ongoing funding required

Community centres – a large number of Village Halls and community meeting places require funding for upgrading not only small parishes but local towns lack these important facilities.

6 Finance: Thanks were expressed to those who have sent their membership fees

7 All members had received a copy of the response to the nuclear policy statement – any observations or comments welcome

8 Website: Not as good or comprehensive as we would like!

Date of next meeting Wednesday 28th April 2010