

Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th July 2009 at The Village Hall Middleton

1 Apologies: Philip Dunit (Blaxhall), Marian Andrews (District Councillor & Saxmundham) Jenifer Thorsen (Farnham) Jane Etheridge (Middleton) Roy Dowding (Middleton) and several due to holidays.

Present: Malcolm Blakeney (Chairman) Trevor Tate (Administrator) Jon Swallow (Thebeton) David Burns – Margaret Swanenburg (Benhall & Sternfield) Peter Batho (Saxmundham) Nigel Kerridge (Yoxford) Nigel Suckling (Blaxhall) John Raynor (Leiston) Trevor Hawkins (SCDC) Gordon Gilbert (Farnham & Stratford St.Andrews) Andrew Simpson (Suffolk Acre)

2 **Welcome and introductions**

3 **Report of the Steering Group –**

A meeting of the steering group was held on 27th May 2009 – Malcolm Blakeney elected Chairman. Trevor Tate confirmed as Administrator – The Constitution having been approved at the group meeting was signed by the Executive – A budget for group running costs involved was discussed- Hall Hire –Salary and Administration – Media etc and an overall figure of £2000 per annum agreed, based on 4 group and 4 steering group meetings. Bank account to be set up at HSBC. It was agreed to issue a press release to generate public awareness - To invite EDF/Government representatives to the next meeting.

-Duly Completed – Bank account set up – Press release issued-

4 **A presentation** by Nigel Knee from British Energy new build team – accompanied by Niki Spratchett from Sizewell B

Nuclear New Build – Progress update.

Key points: EDF energy is the UK's biggest electricity generator – intends to build four units (2 reactors on 2 sites) – preferred sites Hinkley point Somerset & Sizewell but other sites may be needed – Site assessment – design and site licence – consultation on planning application are all on going –consultation throughout 2009 and nuclear national policy statement finalised 2010 building will commence approximately 2015 – Sizewell may not be the first to be constructed More information on www.british-energy.co/newbuild and www.nuclearpowersiting.decc.gov.uk

5 Answers to Questions/comments – British energy are well aware of traffic issues -eg traffic on the A12 at Farnham was already a problem and will be considerably worse during construction – this applies to many villages in the area - Key issues – what would be necessary or a good thing – If necessary it would be part of the scheme – if a good thing it would be part of the community package. We are interested in community views –Improvement of rail services- sea and rail to be used in construction-affordable housing – health facilities.

Construction would bring employment for the next 60years – communities should be aware that the benefits only come with development (but development of Sizewell will bring huge profits to the company which in turn should benefit the whole community)

Education and training should be part of the community package – a need to expand availability facilities working with Leiston-Halesworth area

6 The group will present infrastructure proposals for consideration by EDF and local and central government following consultation and comment from member parishes.

7 Identify sources of finance for the management and administration of SPLG – Original idea was to set a levy on participating parishes but after discussion it was agreed some smaller Parish precepts were not sufficient to cover a levy – Funding contributions will be applied for from County Councillor's Locality budgets and community funding projects.

8 There was no other business

Next meeting will be in October – Date to be confirmed