

# MARLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Marlesford Parish Council meeting, held on Friday 7 February 2020,  
7.00pm, in Marlesford Community Centre.

Present:– Vice Chairman Cllr Roger Waterfall, Cllr Lesley Bensley, Cllr Diana Howard,  
Cllr Heather McConville, & Cllr Sam Catling.

In Attendance: 3 members of the public, and the Clerk.

**OPEN FORUM** - None

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Chairman Lord Marlesford,  
Suffolk County Councillor Stephen Burroughes, East Suffolk Councillor Carol Poulter.

The Vice Chairman suggests that Cllr Burroughes may have funding towards a defibrillator for the village, the Clerk to contact him and request funding. There is a resident in the village that is trained to use a defibrillator. Mains supply will be needed at the location where a defib is installed to keep the battery charged.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2019 – To consider the approval.**  
The minutes were approved correct by the Council and signed by the Vice Chairman, proposed Cllr Catling seconded Cllr Bensley.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

**a. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - Community Centre**

The Vice Chairman informed that he has received 3 quotes for a French Drain to be installed at the Community Centre to help prevent damp. The best quote is for £1750. Cllr Howard will contact Cllr Poulter regarding meeting at the Community Centre, along with the Vice Chairman to discuss funding.

**b. Ownership of the Firs Bowling Green.**

Cllr Waterfall has drafted a letter to the Land Registry, proposing that the Parish Council becomes Trustee of the Bowling Green. The Vice Chairman will forward the letter to all for approval. It is also hoped to register the ownership with the Land Registry at a small cost of approx. £85. A land valuation will also be required. The Vice Chairman will forward the letter to all for approval.

**c. Look at the possibility of reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on the A12 at Marlesford – Cllrs Howard and Waterfall.**

No further forward. However the Vice Chairman has done sound measurements outside No. 10 Main Road. The newly installed road surface is not a quiet surface, therefore it does register high on the measurement.

**Report from Richard Cooper – EDF, Sizewell, A12 Bypass, Trunking, Park & Ride  
Timetable Stage 4 consultation**

Concluded in September was the final phase of public consultation. EDF are now working on the Development Consent Order (DCO) application which they had originally expected to submit in Q1 2020. At a Community Forum meeting in December we were advised that the application would be made by mid-year. In the latest EDF newsletter they said the application would be submitted “by the end of 2020”. Within 28 days of submission, Planning Inspectorate has to advise whether the DCO has been accepted. Within roughly three months of acceptance by PINS, individuals and bodies have to make a Relevant Representation in order to become an Interested Party (IP). IP status allows participation in the Examination process. Marlesford PC is entitled to make a representation (as are any individuals) and will be entitled to be represented and speak at the Examination. The Examination process is likely to take 6 months, the matter will not be referred to the Secretary of State for a final decision until sometime in 2021 (probably the latter half).

### **Letter to Andrea Leadsom**

A letter was sent by Dan Poulter MP to Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP to ask her to consider suspending the Sizewell DCO process on the basis that EDF had provided insufficient information in the consultations. A response is awaited and being chased.

### **Re-Trunking of A12**

Following pressure from Lord Marlesford, the three East Suffolk MPs wrote jointly to Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP with a request that the A12 between Ipswich and Lowestoft be taken out of SCC control and re-trunked so that it becomes the responsibility of Highways England. It is considered that this would bring greater strategic focus to investment in the A12.

### **Two Village Bypass vs Four Village Bypass**

EDF current plans are only to bypass Stratford and Farnham. SCC claim they cannot get the funding for delivering the Four Village Bypass (SEGway) – this is part of the logic for requesting re-trunking.

We have grave concerns that the alignment of the EDF proposed bypass will make it impossible for it to connect at a later stage with a Marlesford/Little Glemham bypass. This point is being made to East Suffolk Council and SCC.

### **Southern Park and Ride (SPR)**

The grouping of local parishes visited the SPR site with Nicholas Newton, landscape officer for East Suffolk Council and he agreed that the current EDF proposals to mitigate the adverse effects of the SPR were inadequate. We will press EDF to improve landscaping.

Unlikely at this late stage that the SPR will be taken out of EDF's plans, but it will be challenged at the Examination.

### **Meeting with EDF – 9th March**

Local parishes to review with EDF their plans for traffic mitigation measures in and around Wickham Market (including SPR).

### **Film The Nuclear Trap**

Lord Marlesford and Richard Cooper attended a screening of the French film The Nuclear Trap at Stratford St Andrew on Sunday 2nd February – it was shown by Together Against Sizewell C (TASC). Whilst very critical of EDF management, their progress with EPR technology in France and Finland and the weak financial standing of the company, it appeared to be reasonably balanced. It gave both cause for concern about the financing of Sizewell C and, given the problems at Flamenville, the safety aspects.

### **Scottish Power**

The DCO has been submitted and Friston has made its representation.

Cllr Bensley asked Richard Cooper if he would be prepared to represent the Parish Council at the Examination of the EDF application when it happens and would he consider this? Richard Cooper informed that he will consider it, but will need to discuss with the Chairman.

The Vice Chairman thanked Richard Cooper for all his work.

### **5. VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL – Due to the resignation of Mrs Imogen Hayward.**

The Clerk has informed ESC of the resignation and this has been advertised on the notice board and website. It is hope to fill the vacancy by co-option at the next PC meeting.

## **6. FINANCE**

### **a. Statement of Accounts.**

Bank balances as at 8 November 2019, Barclays Community Account £4323.5 (includes £1024.90 CIL money) Business Premium Account £838.89. The Vice Chairman signed the statement of accounts.

It was agreed by all that the CIL money will be used for other improvements at the Community Centre and not for the French Drain.

### **b. Half Year Interim Internal Audit to be carried out by Cllr McConville.**

Cllr McConville is happy to carry this out, the Clerk will give her the accounts to check through.

*Chairmans initials.....*

**c. Thank you letter received from Citizens Advice Bureau.**

Thanking the Parish Council for the £100 donation.

**d. To consider a donation to the Disability Advice Service.**

Letter received from the Disability Advice Service asking for help with funding. Cllr Catling expressed what a valuable service it provides. Agreed by all to give a donation of £100, proposed Cllr Catling seconded Cllr Bensley.

**e. Clerks Pay and Expenses – Invoice to pay.** Clerks pay £386.50 and £1.00 to HMRC. Expenses £29.18. Approved for payment proposed Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Catling.

**7. SIZEWELL C - TO INCLUDE FOUR VILLAGE BYPASS (SEGway) & PROPOSALS FOR PARK AND RIDE AT WICKHAM MARKET SIZEWELL C. Done.**

**8. SCOTTISH POWER NORTH SEA WIND FARMS. Done.**

**9. REPORTS FROM PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Sizewell – Richard Cooper, done**

**A12 – Chairman, done**

**SALC – Cllr Lesley Bensley** reported that the East Suffolk Forum has now been grouped. At the recent meeting which she attend the wind power projects was discussed. Parish Councils were asked for the 5 most important topics in the parish which could be addressed at a SALC meeting, topics such as police & crime, planning decisions, transport/environmental issues were put forward. The Vice Chairman suggests the Bus Service, Cllr Bensley will put this forward at the next SALC meeting. E newsletters replace the paper copies of the Local Councillor. Neighbour Hood Watch, who is the co-ordinator for the village? Cllr Howard will find out if anyone is registered and if nobody is, she will ask Richard Cooper if he might like to be the co-ordinator. Suffolk Community Awards, Cllr Bensley suggests that the village does a lot for the community and Marlesford could be put forward for the “small villages “. Closing date July.

Village litter pick, she will arrange this for the afternoon of 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Planning to include Planning Applications etc. Cllr Roger Waterfall,** The PC supports the planning application at Holly Cottage. No planning application has been received yet from Scottish Power. Retrospective permission has been granted for change of use at Lime Tree Barn, this is against the PC recommendations. He has attended a recent planning meeting for Parish Councils at ESC.

**Firs Bowling Green – Cllr Roger Waterfall** will need confirmation and approval from SALC before sending the Firs Bowling Green letter to the Land Registry. PC will need to take out insurance cover for the green and will need to pay for the electricity supply in the shed. A men’s group has expressed an interest in using the shed as a meeting place. Other suggestions of use are allotments, orchard, wildflower meadow, community compost heaps.

**Footpaths & Access – Cllr Sam Catling,** there is a lot of dog mess in the car park at the community centre, ask the hall to put up a sign on the gate to pick up the mess and take home.

**Highways – Cllr Diana Howard,** nothing to report.

**Environmental Dimension of all other Policies – Representative needed.**

When the vacancy to co-opt a new parish councillor can be advertised, the criteria will be for someone who is interested in the environmental dimension of the village.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE. None.**

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None.**

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**12. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**

Annual General Meeting, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm

*Signed* ..... (Chairman)

*Date* .....