

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON
ON WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7:00PM.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Graham Ward
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Robert Flindall
Cllr. Daryl Ash
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Hazel Collins
Cllr. Vanessa Davis

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
District Cllr. Tom Daly
County Cllr. Richard Smith – apologised
Cllr. Nat Bacon- apologised
Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair- apologised

Members of the public:

No members of the public were present.

In attendance:

Honor Houlding- Clerk/RFO
District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Chairman, Cllr. Stephen Brett was unable to attend the meeting. Vice Cllr. Graham Ward agreed to chair the meeting in the Charman’s absence.

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council approved the apologies and absences from this month’s meeting. All in favour.

2. To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations

None.

3. Public Forum

a) Members of the public may address the Council on any agenda item.

No members of the public were present.

b) To receive a report from the County Councillor

County Cllr. Richard Smith apologised for his absence due to the cabinet budget meeting taking place on 13th February 2025.

c) To receive reports from the District Councillors

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock summarised the East Suffolk Council December Report and Green Suffolk Leaders Statement which are attached as **Appendix I** and **Appendix II** respectively.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock summarised the East Suffolk Council December Report beginning with the new Development Charter. The purpose of this new documentation is to encourage the use of best practices from developers when building housing and to improve the standards of hosing developments.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock summarised an update on the devolution and abolition of local government and the prospective merge to a unitary authority. The devolution plans were likely to mean fewer councillors per covering much larger areas and an increase in responsibilities of Town and Parish Councils. The current understanding is that there would be a 2 year project timeline for completing the merge and therefore the County Council elections were likely to be postponed for 12 to 24 months. District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock expressed her concern that devolution negotiations should not take place under the current elected Councillors and that the newly elected councillors should have this responsibility. The new plans which include having one elected Mayor to manage Norfolk and Suffolk would mean this role could easily become overextended. Mayors are likely to have powers which relate to transport, health and planning issues. It is estimated that the County Council spend approximately 80% of their annual budget on youth and adult social care and that by abolishing district Council's, this would allow access and sale of the District Council's assets and reserves.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting on 8th January 2025

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed that the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 8th January 2025 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- b) Matters arising

The clerk summarised the correspondence relating to speed limits and quiet lanes in Eastbridge from a local resident. Cllr. Paul Collins confirmed that there are plans to introduce a 30mph speed limit in Eastbridge.

5. Energy Projects

- a) To receive an update from Cllr. Paul Collins

Cllr. Paul Collins began by summarising his February energy projects report which is attached as **Appendix III**.

- b) Abbey Lane Closure Open Letter and discussion with regards to press involvement

A discussion was held with regards to the Sizewell C Abbey Lane Closure and their correction to the road diversion from George's Road to via Leiston. The Council agreed that the new diversion to be a much better solution.

A conversation was held with regards to accountability for Sizewell C of implementing changes and that if any future issues were to arise that an extraordinary meeting should be held by Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council to discuss highlighting issues to Parliament and the press.

- c) Discuss dates for Sizewell C to present Campus Plans and Project Update to Community

The clerk explained that the Sizewell C representatives were unable to attend the March Parish Council meeting date due to the conflict with the next Southern Transport Forum which is also intended to take place on the 12th of March. The Council expressed their concern that Sizewell C have avoided confirming a date for a considerable length of time and perhaps hosting a meeting with Sizewell C where the public can attend to be on any weeknight in the coming weeks so as not to delay the presentation further.

[ACTION: Councillors to forward suggested agenda items for Sizewell C Campus meeting to clerk](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to speak with Sizewell C with regards to scheduling a date for Sizewell C Campus presentation meeting](#)

6. Planning

- a) To receive a report from Cllr. Robert Flindall with regards to the Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan Strategy

Cllr. Robert Flindall outlined the next steps and strategy for proceeding with the Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan firstly confirming that East Suffolk Council had approved the plan application and suggested Parish footprint.

[ACTION: Neighbourhood Plan Subgroup to arrange a meet prior to 12th March 2025.](#)

- b) East Suffolk Developers Charter Planning Policy Update

The East Suffolk Developers Charter Planning Policy Update was covered by District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock in 3. c). No further discussion was held.

7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

- a) Community Council

The Theberton and Eastbridge Community Council Minutes from their meeting on the 5th of February are attached as **Appendix IV**.

Cllr. Daryl Ash confirmed that she attended the Community Council meeting which was held on 5th February.

[ACTION: Clerk to meet with Community Council Chairman to biannual meeting.](#)

- b) Heritage Trail

Cllr. Stephen Morphey informed the Council that the content and written text for the Heritage Trail maps were almost complete. Continuing by summarising the quotations from Leiston Press and local artist Hilary Ward for creating the illustrations for the Heritage Trail boards. The clerk explained that a third illustrator quote should be obtained before any decisions on which illustrator should be contracted to complete the works could be made.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with Stephen Beaumont with regards to Doughty Wylie photos and photos of Theberton Hall](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to obtain third quote from nature illustrator](#)

- c) Eastbridge Common and Eastbridge Playing Field Tree Planting Project

Cllr. Hazel Collins provided an update on the planting of the 5 fruit trees at Eastbridge Playing Field. Confirming the trees had been planted, protection from small animals had been installed and a rota for watering the trees will be put in place in the drier months of Spring.

[ACTION: Clerk to remove Eastbridge Common and Eastbridge Playing Field Tree Planting Project from agenda until November to begin the Theberton Orchard Project](#)

- d) Speed Indicator Device

Cllr Paul Collins' February Speed Indicator Report is attached as **Appendix V**.

- e) Police Crime Report

The Suffolk Constabulary Police Crime Report for December 2024 is attached as **Appendix VI**.

There were no crimes to report Theberton and Eastbridge in December 2024.

f) Clerk's Holiday Pay

The clerk informed the council of the details of her employment contract which state 5 days of holiday per year could be carried into the new year on the 1st of April each year. Therefore, the Clerk proposed that 6.5 hours for the year running 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 should be paid. Plus the entire of the 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 allocation of 45 paid holiday hours.

The Council disagreed and instead voted to pay all the Clerks unused holiday allowance from the 1st of April 2023 to present. All in favour.

The Clerk thanked the Council for honouring the holiday allowance and confirmed that holiday allowance to be paid each month as part of the Clerk's salary from 1st April 2025.

[ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment of holiday owed with SALC and add to March payments](#)

g) Defibrillator Pad Replacements

The clerk explained the difficulty in purchasing the correct replacement pads for the Defib Tech defibrillator and apologised for ordering the incorrect pads. She continued to explain that the Defib Pad were helpful in arranging the purchase of the correct pads however the replacement pads were more expensive than originally quoted. The clerk confirmed that the new replacement pads had arrived and been installed prior to the current pad expiration date of 31st January 2025.

h) Barclays Savings Account Options

The clerk summarised the savings account options with Barclays bank explaining that we did not qualify for the business savings account due to insufficient funds.

The Council voted that they did not wish to pursue moving funds to an alternative provider unless a much larger savings fund were ever available to the Council.

i) Strategic Objectives and Community Café Project

Cllr. Robert Flindall informed the Council that the unit which once housed local business Wild About Birds was now available for purchase. The Council decided that the Community Café Project was not something they wished to pursue at this time and instead that the Neighbourhood Plan should be the Parish's priority for development.

[ACTION: Clerk to remove Community Café Project from future agendas](#)

j) Middleton Parish Council Community Meeting – 26th February 2025

The clerk informed the Council that Middleton Parish Council were hosting a public meeting to discuss the potential purchase, purpose and to display the design plans for purchasing the Hastoe Field.

The Clerk and Cllr. Paul Collins volunteered to attend.

[ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins and the Clerk to attend the Middleton Parish Council Community Meeting – 26th February 2025 and report back to the Council](#)

- k) Thermal Imaging Surveys – resume 27th February to 10th March 2025

[ACTION: Cllr. Paul Collins and the Clerk to continue to arrange surveys for residents.](#)

- l) Outstanding Actions List

The Clerk summarised the list of outstanding actions to the Council. It was agreed that no further actions were required.

8. Parish Matters

- a) None.

Cllr. Hazel Collins informed the Council that she had witnessed representatives of RSPB measuring the area to the right of the New Cut Bridge for new Minsmere road signage. Cllr. Paul Collins informed the Council that this piece of land belonged to RSPB and was in their jurisdiction to implement new signage.

The topic of the degradation of various Theberton and Eastbridge road signage was discussed by the Council.

[ACTION: Clerk to complete report for broken road signage in the Parish with East Suffolk Council.](#)

9. Administration

- a) To conduct the annual review of the Standing Orders.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the Council Standing Orders. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to publish the approved Standing Orders on the Parish Council website](#)

- b) To conduct the annual review of the Financial Regulations.

The council conducted the annual review and approved the Council Financial Regulations. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to publish the approved Financial Regulations on the Parish Council website](#)

10. Finance

- a) To note the latest financial position.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and it was agreed that the latest financial position to be a true record. All in favour.

- b) To approve the annual VAT Return 126 dated 01/01/24 to 31/12/24

The VAT 126 error from 01/01/23 to 31/12/23 and evidence document was noted by the Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and it was agreed to approve the annual VAT Return 126 dated 01/01/24 to 31/12/24. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to submit the VAT Return 126 dated 01/01/24 to 31/12/24 to HMRC](#)

- c) To approve the Community Infrastructure Levy report for 2024-2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and it was agreed to approve the Community Infrastructure Levy report for 2024-2025. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to submit the Community Infrastructure Levy report for 2024-2025 to East Suffolk Council](#)

d) To ratify the following payment:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
3 x Defibrillator Pads – Expenses	Honor Houlding	£155.08	PHA 1936 s.234

The Clerk confirmed that the above ratified payment had been refunded to the Parish Council Barclays bank account as per item 7. g).

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Hazel Collins and it was agreed to ratify the payment listed above. All in favour.

e) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£388.62	LGA 1972 s.112
3 x Defibrillator Pads – Expenses	Honor Houlding	£237.16	PHA 1936 s.234

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Hazel Collins and it was agreed to authorise the payments listed above. All in favour.

12. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 6th January 2025 and 10th February 2025 and take action as appropriate.

The Clerk highlighted the Community Partnership Meeting being held on Tuesday 24th March and expressed the importance of a Theberton Council member attending. Cllr. Hazel Collins volunteered to attend the meeting.

The communication received from Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP with regards to Community Engagement was discussed. The Council agreed to displaying the posters and discussed inviting Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP to the Sizewell C Campus presentation of which a scheduled date is still pending.

[ACTION: Clerk to respond to Community Engagement enquiry from Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP ad invite to Sizewell C Campus meeting](#)

Cllr. Robert Flindall highlighted the ESC Town and Parish dashboard as a useful tool for displaying planning information and recommended for the Council to familiarise themselves with the website.

[ACTION: Clerk to add the policy updates to the ESC Planning Decision making process to the March agenda.](#)

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to produce a report on the updates to the ESC Planning Decision making process for the March meeting.](#)

13. Questions to the Chair/Items for the Next Agenda

[ACTION: Clerk to add Sizewell C Community fund application to March's agenda](#)

ACTION: Clerk to add County Cllr. Sarah Whitelock report regarding the Suffolk Coast RAMS expenditure to March agenda

14. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding

Parish Clerk

Meeting Ended: 20.57

Appendix I – East Suffolk County Council February Report

PARISH AND TOWN REPORT

FEBRUARY 2025

A new 'best practice' guide for housing developers has been published, setting out East Suffolk Council's aspirations for high quality and well delivered new housing developments.

The East Suffolk Developers Charter sets out ambitions in relation to:

developers' engagement with communities and stakeholders during the whole development process,

the design quality of schemes, both in terms of appearance, function and sustainability, and

the quality of the delivery process for supporting community wellbeing and environmental quality.

The Developers Charter provides developers of major residential developments with guidance on engaging positively and meaningfully with local communities and the Council throughout the planning and construction of new homes.

In taking forward the Charter, the Council will publicly recognise exceptional developments and approaches to engagement that have achieved high standards at the planning permission and/or construction stages of development.

The Charter represents an innovative and forward-thinking approach, bringing together the roles of developers, communities and the Council in delivering exceptional development and highlighting what could be achieved.

Ben Woolnough, Head of Planning, Building Control and Coastal Management at East Suffolk Council said: "All developers, both large and small, operating in East Suffolk have a critical role in positively shaping the future through the delivery of healthy, inclusive, biodiverse, resource efficient, and climate-change resilient developments that meet the district's future development needs. East Suffolk Council is committed to supporting a more sustainable, healthier and happier district through the quality of its built and natural environments, and how this supports the health and wellbeing of our communities.

"Integral to achieving that is meaningful engagement between communities, the Council and developers. Developers who engage proactively and positively with communities and the Council throughout the planning and delivery process deserve to be celebrated and formally recognised and the Council have produced the Developers Charter to give structure to this formal recognition."

Whilst the charter is aimed primarily at major residential developments, which comprise 10 dwellings or more, the Council would be happy to see the principles applied to smaller developments or other types of development, where applicable.

[Read the Developers Charter.](#)

Engagement with the Developers Charter is entirely voluntary for developers and is not a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

50% off loft insulation for anyone in Suffolk

Suffolk residents can now get a 50% discount (up to £200) and free delivery on 200mm or 370mm wide eco-friendly, itch-free thermal insulation rolls, from High Loft, the UK's leading eco loft insulation brand. So now is the perfect time to top up.

To receive your personalised link to claim your discount, visit www.bit.ly/suffolkloft and fill out the short form, or phone High Loft on 01706 248203.

Did you know that an uninsulated home can lose up to a quarter of its heat through the roof, according to The Energy Saving Trust? Do you know if your loft insulation meets the Government recommendation of 25-50mm deep?

This offer is an excellent way to make your home warmer, reduce your energy bills, and make a positive environmental impact. You could decrease your energy bills by 40%!

Last year, the project enabled over 5,000m² of roofs in Suffolk to be insulated. This year, the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership want to double that figure.

This Loft Insulation Offer is funded by Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders and High Loft and will help contribute to Suffolk's Climate Emergency Plan and our vision for a net zero Suffolk. For more funding and support available for Suffolk residents click [here](#).

Council 'frustration' at Government response to energy project concerns

Councillors in East Suffolk have expressed frustration with the Government's unwillingness to discuss the cumulative impacts of delivering multiple, national energy projects affecting communities throughout the district and beyond.

In a letter sent to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero the Leader of East Suffolk Council, Caroline Topping, invited the Rt Hon Ed Miliband to see, first hand, the close proximity of a range of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in the area or, at the very least, to begin a dialogue on the matter. She also expressed concerns about an apparent lack of project co-ordination, and the issues this raises.

However, in a three-line response to the letter, Cllr Topping was informed that the Secretary of State was too busy and no discussions would be considered.

Cllr Tom Daly, East Suffolk's Cabinet Member for Energy Projects expressed the Council's deep frustration with the Government's lack of interest in the concerns of local communities. He said:

"East Suffolk is rapidly becoming the Energy Coast of the UK. Multiple NSIPs including new nuclear, multiple offshore wind landfalls and solar power sites are being developed. Therefore, the cumulative impacts, the problems they raise and how these are managed in the best interests of the environment and communities, should be of primary interest to the SoS.

"If host communities of these highly impactful developments are not to feel completely ignored by central government in the rush to hit targets, a commitment to understanding local concerns must be taken seriously. I appeal to the SoS to take advantage of this invitation to see the reality on the ground and show the respect our communities deserve."

In the letter, Cllr Topping outlined East Suffolk's critical role in the nation's progress towards Net Zero, with projects already planned or under construction, contributing to an eventual estimated 30% of the country's electricity to be generated in, or pass through, our district.

However, she made it clear that local communities "are straining under the lack of a coherent strategy around these multiple NSIPs.

"While Sizewell C is under construction, two offshore wind farms (ScottishPower Renewables' EA1N and EA2) have been given planning consent to build three substations (ie two for ScottishPower Renewables and one for National Grid) just four miles away in the medieval hamlet of Friston. A further interconnector and one grid reinforcement (both National Grid) are in the planning stages, also looking to connect in the same village (LionLink and Sea Link)," she continued.

"If consented, LionLink and Sea Link will connect into the consented National Grid substation at Friston which, collectively with the two ScottishPower Renewables' substations, will be larger than the footprint of Wembley Stadium, taking their own cable routes, each with their own converter station and on their own timelines. Incomprehensibly, each developer holds their own project's consultations in isolation from the other projects and does not adequately take into account the cumulative impact of all of the other NSIPs.

“Since forming the administration in 2023, we have been calling for a pause in the chaotic planning process of these five projects and the case for a cost-benefit analysis of all the options available or, as a minimum, a government-led mandatory requirement for projects to work collaboratively to ensure the least amount of harm to the hosting community.

“I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this matter to our district and similarly affected communities across the country. I am sure we are in agreement that at this historic crossroads of doing things differently and better, a truly green and just transition away from fossil fuels requires a properly planned approach, where the costs to the developers are not borne by our communities and our already threatened environment.”

Paul Ashton, Deputy Leader of the Council, added:

“Our invitation to Ed Miliband was a genuine attempt to collaborate with the government to improve coordination of the various energy projects to minimise the negative impacts to East Suffolk. It was a chance for the Secretary of State to treat us as a partner to work with, and to demonstrate to local people that the government is listening. Instead, we received a brush off.

“East Suffolk Council will continue to push for improved coordination of the energy projects impacting our district. We would like the government to work with us. The invitation to the Secretary of State remains open if he would like to reconsider.”

Coastal Partnership East proposals

East Suffolk Council Cabinet has agreed to proposals which would lead to the dissolution of the Coastal Partnership East (CPE) programme. The three partner Councils will all be considering the matter at meetings to be held this month. Should agreement be reached, CPE would cease operating, allowing the three individual councils a more flexible approach to focus on their own specific coastal management needs.

When Coastal Partnership East was created in 2016 it was anticipated that peaks and troughs of resource demands would mean a partnership approach would work efficiently across a shared coastal frontage. Since then the pace of coastal change has increased, with several significant events over the intervening years, which has led it to be challenging to prioritise shared resources effectively to meet local need.

The initial agreement anticipated peaks and troughs of resource sharing at different times across the three councils. However, there has been a continual demand on each local authority to manage the effects of sea level rise and climate change. Therefore, it is now considered necessary for each council to direct staff and resources towards managing the individual challenges of their coast effectively.

Cllr David Beavan, East Suffolk Cabinet Member and CPE Board Member said: “The partnership has achieved a huge amount. However, this proposal is in the best interests of East Suffolk’s coastal communities, enabling us to dedicate our own resources to our communities and partners. This will help us ensure we deliver the best possible approach for our coast and its particular demands.”

Appendix II – Suffolk’s Green Leaders Statement

Statement from Suffolk’s Green council leaders on Suffolk being accepted on fast track devolution programme

6 February 2025

The announcement today by Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner to cancel May’s local elections in Suffolk is very disappointing.

We support the principle of devolution which should mean powers and funding moving out from Westminster and closer to residents.

It is therefore alarming that the first step in the process is for the government, aided and abetted by the Conservative administration at Suffolk County Council, to take away a democratic opportunity for Suffolk’s residents to express their views at the ballot box.

The Deputy Prime Minister stated that going ahead with May’s elections would be an unacceptable cost and a waste of public money and stressed that elections would only be postponed by one year.

Whilst we accept that a mayoral election will happen in May 2026, we have seen no realistic timetable showing that elections to new unitary authorities could happen at the same time. Therefore, elections will inevitably be postponed by more than one year. It is completely unacceptable democratically if Suffolk county councillors were sitting for two or possibly three years longer than their initial term, which could be seven years in total.

The creation of mega councils of 500,000 people will break the connection between communities and the councillors who live and work within them. Wards will be much bigger and councillors will not have the in-depth local knowledge to draw on when decisions are called for. Councils will become more remote from the people they serve.

There is no evidence to suggest that large councils are better councils. What evidence does Councillor Hicks have for saying that local government reorganisation will “deliver efficiency, accountability and streamlined services?” Not from unitary Somerset where the council leader has just said two-tier areas need to “think very carefully” before reorganising and he “can’t imagine” how other areas would reorganise to make way for devolution at the pace set by the government.

The Green leaders of Babergh, East and Mid Suffolk councils have not been consulted by either central government or the county about these changes but we assure our residents that we will fight to protect their communities, services, and their democratic rights.

We welcome change and will engage with the process of developing the shape of future local government in Suffolk, but we are very concerned that in practice, powers and funding will be drawn up into the mayoral authority, further away from our residents, this would be the opposite of devolution.

Appendix III – Cllr. Paul Collins February Energy Report

1. TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

The judgement transcript from the Renewal Hearing about the permission to take the ONR's grant of a Nuclear Site License to Judicial Review has now been received and we are considering the contents and discussing with our solicitor and KC as to whether to pursue our appeal any further.

We have submitted a paper to HM Treasury as part of their consultation on the second stage of the spending review, where a final decision on whether to give SZC the go-ahead is supposed to be made.

Having said that, the Final Investment Decision date and the actual level of interest from commercial investors are still opaque, but the fact that FID should have originally been made nearly 12 months ago would seem to indicate that either interest is not strong or that HMG are struggling with the level of risk/return that commercial partners are demanding, which will be problematic once any deals are actually made through the RAB mechanism.

In the meantime, the issue of SZC cost has hit mainstream media with quotes of £40bn being widely quoted and HMG/SZC weakly responding with statements that the figures are "inaccurate" and that they "don't recognise the figures". This is a strategy that is commonly used (such as for the Biodiversity Net Gain discussion during the DCO Examination) when the whatever figures are being talked about may be in the right area but not quite the same as the figures that are actually known about. What is clear is that the £20bn figure is so unrealistic as to be meaningless.

Helpfully, the French Cour des Comptes, the equivalent of our National Audit Office, has come out and criticised EDF over the current financial issues at both SZC and HPC. They stated that no decision on SZC should be made until the funding shortfall at HPC, due to China General Nuclear refusing to pay any further funds into the massively overrunning project, is resolved.

As a result, EDF are touting for a new commercial partner to take up the funding slack, after HMG refused to get involved as they consider it to be an entirely commercial project, and their contribution is the Contract for Difference that EDF has for its electricity (which the NAO considered a bad deal) was the limit of their involvement.

Now there have been noises that the CfD may be available for renegotiation. Also, Centrica may have an interest, but if they were to invest, they have stated that would not invest in SZC as well.

2. East Suffolk Communities Energy Partnership and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

DESNZ have agreed in principle to attend a meeting of Parish and Town Councils regarding the cumulative impact of all the energy NSIPs and a steering meeting will be held shortly to discuss timings and structure.

3. B1122 planning discussions and SZC Deed of Obligation Forums

Progress on the one-way system in the local roads between Theberton and Eastbridge had made no progress and promises to talk with farmers about access to fields adjacent to Onners Lane has simply not happened.

Belatedly, efforts are underway to appoint contractors for all the various early years B1122 schemes, but that progress is glacial and unless some impetus is applied, we are unlikely to see these implemented before we reach the end of the year close to peak B1122 traffic.

The same is the case for the implementation of the average speed cameras on the B1122 and through Westleton. This is now not expected until the end of 2025.

In both the above cases, we were led to expect that these schemes would be implemented before significant works and traffic movements started.

The reality is that we are now 6 months into that period, and we are still not expected to have these mitigations in place until the end of 2025.

This lack of progress and total failure to provide appropriate mitigations in time is scandalous, showing a total lack of readiness and planning plus a lack of understanding by SZC of the scarcity of contractors available to do such works. The consequences of these failures by SZC are that local residents are expected to put up with the chaotic effects of heavy traffic and multiple overlapping and lengthy road closures without those mitigations being in place.

The next Community Forum is on 27th March 2025, Main Development Site Forum is scheduled for 2nd April 2025 and Northern Transport Forum for 7th May 2025.

I will not be available for the 7th May Northern Transport Forum again, so a substitute representative will be needed.

4. Scottish Power Wind Farms and Friston Substation

Various preparatory works and archaeology are now being undertaken.

5. LionLink (formerly EuroLink) and Nautilus – National Grid Ventures

No further progress.

6. Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

According to the PINS NSIP website, the DCO submission is still expected Q1 2025.

7. Solar Farms/Battery Storage between Friston and Snape

No further information at this time.

8. Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further information at this time.

**Minutes of Theberton and Eastbridge
Community Council Meeting held in Jubilee Hall
Date: 5th February 2025 Time: 6.00pm**

No meeting in January

Present: Chair Steve Nicholls (SN), Ruth Brown (RB), Angie Buxton-King (ABK), Chris Whitewick (CW)

PC Rep: Darryl

Apologies: Sally Ginger (SG), (CW) Shell Moulton -Vice Chair (SM), Andy Hall (AH), Ruth Sawyer (RS), John Keeble (JK)

Minutes of the last meeting: 4th December 2024 Approved and signed by Chairman (SN)

Chair's Report: Thanks go to all those who made the Christmas Bazaar such a success.

Condolences to Sally and Shell on the loss of their mother / grandmother.

Treasurer's Report: Covered by this agenda

Past events

Upcoming events.

- PC meeting 12th February at 7pm
- Possible event to celebrate 110th anniversary of Lt Col Doughty-Wylie with Parish Council – April 2025 yet to be decided
- Jumble Sale 22nd March

Matters Arising:

1. Two copies of the Tenancy agreement are in place. The caretaker had been asked to sign by the 11th of December 2024. NB: As of today 5/02/2025 the contract has not been signed. The new date of Friday 14th February has been agreed between SN and the caretaker to sign the contract.
2. Plug in Suffolk no update on next moves.
3. Carpet Bowls Box – is there a cover available to purchase for the box and if so what is the cost? ABK to contact Julie Glen...
4. **Cottage /Hall**
 - a) Entrance Door repairs ... Ruth (RB)
 - b) Floor in Cottage repair...Ruth (RB) Quote to be sought from the builder who repaired the roof – work would need to be carried out in the spring so now is a good time to obtain quotes.
 - c) Andy (AH) says that some repointing work on the chimney stack is also required along with some other minor jobs. The builder can be asked about this when he is contacted.
 - d) Maggie has some ingestion of water and the two issues may be linked.
 - e) New BT Hub –need to have new password noted

AOB:

1. Mandatory Fire and Rescue Service inspection will be carried out on 24th February Andy has been asked if he is able to attend alongside Ruth (RB)
2. Post on Facebook, Theberton Next Door and in the newsletter to ask for volunteers to fill the vacancies on the committee of Chair and Secretary
3. The AGM will be on the 2nd April 2025.

Meeting Closed: 19.15

Date of Next CC Meeting: Wednesday 5th March 2025 Time: 6PM

Appendix V – Cllr. Paul Collins February Speed Indicator Device Report

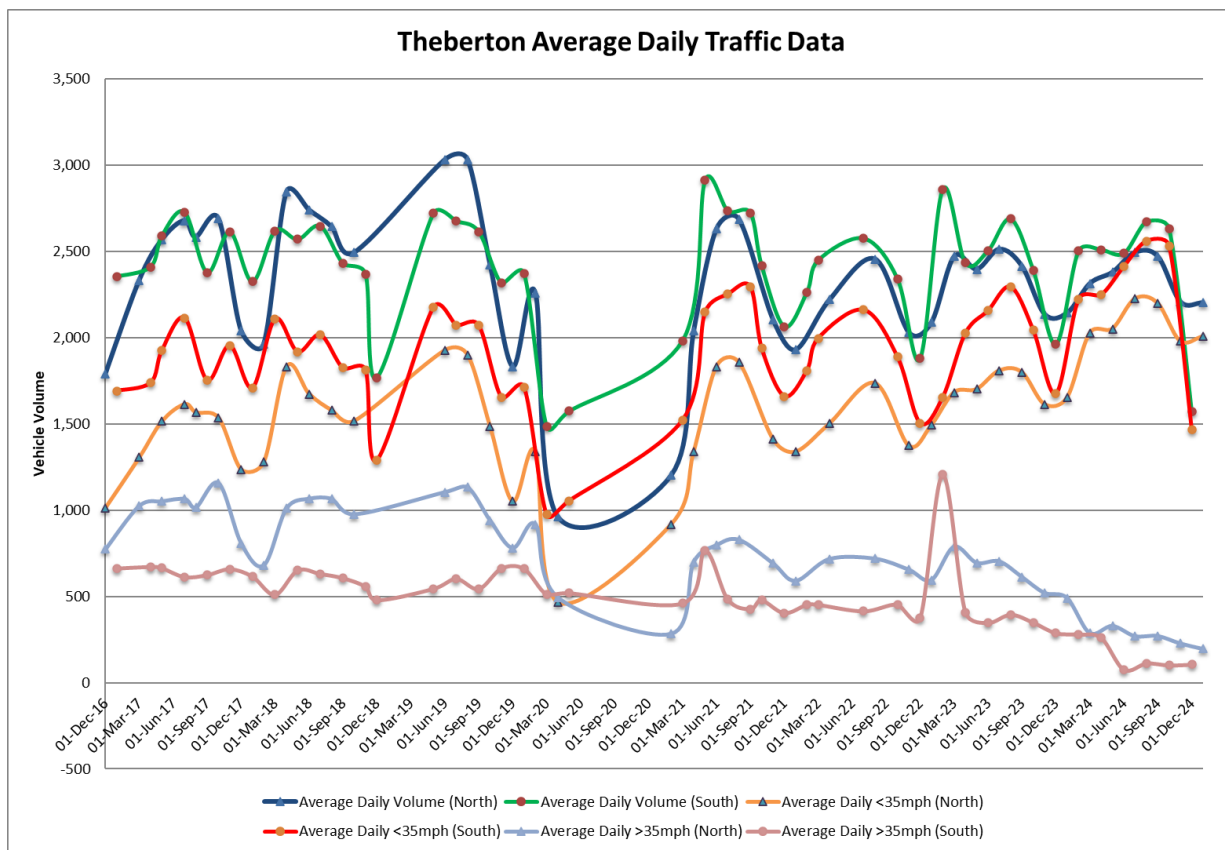
Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 12th February 2025

The speed indicator device has been operational for eighty-five ~20-day periods since 20th December 2016. It is placed at one end of the village or other at ~30-day intervals.

Traffic volumes long-term averages for those exceeding 35mph is now **31.5%** from north and **20.6%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is **39.0mph** from North and **36.6mph** from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.

There is a clear reduction in speed noticeable from 20th May when the enforceable 30mph speed limit came into effect. This has continued into this latest month and reductions in averaged speeds and 85th percentile speeds seem to be settling at the lower levels.



SID Start Date	14-Jan-24	13-Feb-24	14-Mar-24	13-Apr-24	13-May-24	17-Jun-24	12-Jul-24	11-Aug-24	10-Sep-24	21-Oct-24	20-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	21-Jan-25
Average Daily Volume (North)	2,144		2,314		2,380		2,495		2,471		2,207		2,202
Average Daily Volume (South)		2,502		2,509		2,489		2,672		2,632		1,573	
Total Vehicles (North)	40,738		43,972		40,455		48,750		46,940		44,146		41,845
Total Vehicles (South)		50,033		47,664		47,287		50,769		47,367		29,882	
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)	31,402		38,488		34,863		43,474		41,792		39,593		38,125
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)		44,437		42,716		45,843		48,650		45,554		27,888	
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)	9,336		5,484		5,592		5,276		5,148		4,553		3,720
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)		5,596		4,948		1,444		2,119		1,813		1,994	
Average Daily <35mph (North)	1,653		2,026		2,051		2,225		2,200		1,980		2,007
Average Daily <35mph (South)		2,222		2,248		2,413		2,561		2,531		1,468	
Average Daily >35mph (North)	491		289		329		270		271		228		196
Average Daily >35mph (South)		280		260		76		112		101		105	
85 th percentile speed North (mph)	37.4		34.4		34.8		34.2		34.2		34.1		33.7
85 th percentile speed South (mph)		34.2		33.8		29.7		30.1		29.9		32.1	
% <35mph (North)	77.1%		87.5%		86.2%		89.2%		89.0%		89.7%		91.1%
% <35mph (South)		88.8%		89.6%		96.9%		95.8%		96.2%		93.3%	
% >35mph (North)	22.9%		12.5%		13.8%		10.8%		11.0%		10.3%		8.9%
% >35mph (South)		11.2%		10.4%		3.1%		4.2%		3.8%		6.7%	

*The 85th Percentile is indicative of the speed that the majority of road users are travelling at.

Appendix VI – December Police Crime Report



All Crimes (70) ▼

December 2024 ▼

Live Chat

Suffolk Police Live Chat
[Click here to start your chat](#)