

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 28th 2019 AT 8.25PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Palmer took the Chair.

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Fellowes Cllr Harris
Cllr Howard-Dobson Cllr Lewis
Cllr Osben

There were two members of the public present.

1.Apologies: Cllrs Cox, Digby and Piers-Hall

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Services Committees meeting held on Monday 25th February 2019 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 SCC - Highways

Cllr Palmer confirmed that speed and traffic volume surveys had been conducted on Saxmundham and Leiston Roads for two weeks during the Easter holidays. He proposed to discuss the findings at the next meeting of the Services Working Group (SWG) but had circulated his analysis of the data collected to all Cllrs.

He asked for views on whether a proposed parking scheme for Leiston Road should be restricted to certain hours or prohibited at any time.

Untypically, the Town Clerk was forthright in her opinion – there should be no parking at any time, she declared.

Cllr Fox pointed out that the installation of double yellow lines could play into the hands of Scottish Power Renewables and EDF Energy who both want to use Leiston Road for the movement of HGVs. The road would be much clearer for heavy vehicles if there were no cars parked on the highway, she commented.

By a show of hands, Cllrs unanimously agreed to press for 24/7 parking restrictions.

3.2 East Suffolk Council

Cllr Palmer reported on a recent meeting of the Sizewell Stakeholders Group which had discussed at length EDF Energy's plans to relocate facilities at Sizewell B to an area of woodland and a greenfield site. These proposals, now the subject of a planning application to ESC, had not been well-received, he said. The SSG was concerned about further inroads into AONB land through the loss of Coronation Wood and Pillbox Field.

The Town Clerk confirmed that ATC would be responding to the planning application in respect of Sizewell B.

Cllr Palmer assured Committee members that ATC's responses to the Scottish Power and Sizewell C consultations had been submitted on schedule.

3.3 Police Matters

There were no police matters.

3.4 Museum/HLF Update

Cllr Fox, a Museum Trustee and a member of the Museum Redevelopment Project Board, told the Committee that the long-awaited work to refurbish the Museum would start in early June. She recognised that it had taken a long time for the redevelopment work to start, but, she said, it was important that all issues relating to the project had to be resolved before reconstruction started. It was essential, she asserted, that everything was in order from the outset to properly protect the Moot Hall during renovation work. She told Cllrs that the design of tables for the Council Chamber had been finalised. Six tables had been commissioned, each of which could be used separately or, when pushed together, would look like a large, unified table. In order to match the chairs, the tables would be constructed from pale oak.

The Town Clerk explained that asbestos had been detected in an office in the Moot Hall and that work to remove it would commence imminently. As a result of this and the renovation work, staff would work from the Library and Community Centre for the duration of the renovation project. Venues for all Council and Committee meetings would be confirmed by email, she promised.

4. Committee Finance Business

There was no Committee Finance Business.

5. New Services Business

Cllr Palmer told the Committee that it was his intention to begin the second phase of the rubbish bin replacement project this year, with the High Street the main focus of attention. Trade waste litter remained a problem and would be discussed at the next meeting of the SWG, he commented.

An inaugural walk-about with representatives from ESC and Norse to identify areas of concern had recently taken place and discussions were continuing on the implementation of remedial work. The Town Clerk described the tour as painful at times but was confident the right solutions would be found eventually.

Cllr Palmer also believed the SWG should consider a survey of the street furniture in Aldeburgh to determine the condition and number of signs throughout the town. Cllr Jones, ATC's representative on the Aldeburgh Society, said the society had already conducted a survey and would be happy to make a presentation to the Town Council.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.45pm.

