

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.15 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Palmer took the Chair.

**Committee Members Present:**

Cllr Fellowes  
Cllr Howard-Dobson  
Cllr Lewis  
Cllr Osben

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Digby, Fox and Webster.

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The draft minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

**3. Matters for Discussion**

**3.1 & 3.2 SCC/East Suffolk Council**

The next SWG meeting will be a special meeting to be held in the Moot Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10 am to discuss some important issues. Normal meetings will resume in November.

Cllr Palmer reported that next year's bin tranche and that of the previous year is being considered.

The outcome is awaited of the design phase for the revised speed limit along Saxmundham Road. Following this a consultation will take place, led by SCC Highways.

Traffic surveys on the Thorpeness Road are in progress, but only two of the three requested are in place. Cllr Palmer has queried this with Highways.

Re. Safer Neighbourhood Team, Cllr Howard-Dobson is exploring what is required to form a Community Speed Watch group. A minimum of six people are needed for the group to receive the training. There will be clear rules as to how this will operate.

The use of a Vehicle activated speed sign is being considered as an option to trial. ATC would choose a speed sign which allows the effectiveness to be measured. This would fulfil our desire to have an evidence base for any proposed expenditure.

Cllr Palmer reported that the Leiston Road Parking Scheme is at a standstill. Members of the Committee have been conducting a parking survey to back up the argument that the number of lost parking spaces does not need to be as extreme as SCC Highways suggest. The results will be sent to Highways for consideration so that they can be reviewed at the November SWG meeting.

No Access signs for vehicles to Crag Path are to be installed on the road at Market Cross Place. The Fisherman's car park requires additional signage, whilst determining the criteria for issuing permits. It is expected that ESC Parking Services will manage enforcement on behalf of ATC.

Cllr Palmer has contacted SCC Highways with a view for them to progress the replacement of bus shelters now the summer rush is over. A search has begun for a supplier to fit the replacement bus shelter at the eastern end of Linden Road. The other bus shelter replacement is planned for the bus stop in the High Street.

Cllr Palmer reported on general matters. There is still a significant delay with replacement Street name signs taking a long time to be made and put in place. The campaign is now on to get our town's drains cleaned.

### **Parking Sub Group Report – Cllr Palmer**

Now need to progress this with ESC Parking Services. At the October SWG meeting a formal position will need to be agreed so that the future requirements are clearly established. This will eliminate any doubt or confusion with ESC as discussions progress.

**Yellow lines:** It has been agreed to progress any extra/modifications of yellow lines as a separate TRO. Therefore, a list is needed of any lines that may be required and a decision on their priority for inclusion. Consultations will be required.

Yellow lines to be considered so far: Chopping Hill Corner, Victoria Road and a request for Park Road opposite the lane.

### **3.3 Police Matters**

There are no matters to report this month.

Cllr Fellowes joined the meeting at 7.25pm.

### **3.4 NSIPs**

- **Nautilus Interconnector Consultation 14<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021. (National Grid)**
- **SPR Friston hearings closed on the 6<sup>th</sup> July – Should know in January.**
- **Approaching the end of the Sizewell DCO hearings**

Energy Project briefing from Cllr Fellowes to ATC 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Background:

National Grid has different entities in the energy DCO process.

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) have offered various projects connection points onto the 400KV lines that run South West from Sizewell (both to SPR and to NGV).

The DCO by SPR (now at the stage of Planning Inspectors putting together their decision to go to the Secretary of State to decide) proposes to build (on behalf of NGET) a new substation at Friston, and two substations at Friston, cable runs and landfall infrastructure at Sizewell.

The Nautilus project (between National Grid Ventures and Elia the Belgium National Transmission System Operator or TSO) is for a subsea electricity cable called an Interconnector between GB and Belgium. This also includes a new MPI (multi-purpose interconnector...or a hub out at sea which other projects could connect to).

Details of Nautilus. Consultation until 26/10/21. No event in Aldeburgh or Snape. DCO would be submitted 2022/23 for construction over 6-7 years to be operational if approved by 2030. Includes:

1. From the MPI seabed cables run to a shoreline point. This has to avoid the Coraline Craig so possible landfall sites are A-D between Thorpeness and Sizewell, or E just north of the Shell between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness – which is the furthest south and therefore the best option to link to Belgium. There would also be a High Voltage Direct Current Interconnector and an offshore platform (and maintenance traffic to/from, beyond the construction time).
2. From the landfall sites the cables run in wide trenches - coloured yellow, green, light blue and grey on the map (motor way size width when being constructed but cannot be built over, and will be left to naturally recover, and some access is needed for maintenance). The map shows these options. Note the shortest land cable route would be from E (although NGV says this is the least favourable due to damage to the AONB) . So, E will remain an option until one of the others is proven to be the best offshore option. These trenches will be in addition to the SPR trenches if that DCO is approved, they cannot share. And remember SPR has two projects EA1N and EA2 and it is not decided yet if the cable runs would be done at the same time (share trench) or be done sequentially.

3. The cables then need a new substation to be built called a Converter Station, the potential sites are Converter Station areas (CSAs 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 purple on the map) these would be as large as 12 acres (18 football pitches) with infrastructure heights of 23m (House in the Clouds is 21m). This would have to be within 5km of Friston.
4. Then there are cable trenches from the CSA to the Friston NGET substation where the power enters the grid.
5. If the NGET substation is not approved at Friston (via the SPR DCO) NGV will consider why this was refused and if feasible to resolve will re-apply or select another site on the 400KV line pathway.

Although this technology means some coordination offshore, it would turn Friston into a Hub and cumulative impacts on our environment and tourism industry, individuals' health/welfare are huge regardless of where is chosen for landfall, CSA, cable routes etc, especially also if SZC is approved.

#### **4. Committee Finance Business**

Cllr Palmer is in the process of obtaining a quote for a contractor to test and check lamp posts for hanging baskets and Christmas lights. Next year's expenditure on bins should be the final part of that programme. All else is budgeted for except next year's speeding initiatives.

#### **5. New Services Business:**

No additional new business to report.

**The Services Committee meeting ended at 7.40 pm**