

**MINUTES OF THE YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY July 19th 2023 AT 7:00 PM AT YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Janet Gardner
Cllr. Ian Patterson
Cllr. Russell Pearce – Chair
Cllr. David Tower – Vice Chair
Cllr. Hazel Wheeler

Apologies accepted for absence:

Cllr. David Childs
Cllr. Laura Greenberg
Cllr. Nicol McCallum
Cllr. Anna Noakes
Cllr. Deborah Thompson
Cllr. Jason Vincent

In attendance:

Trudy Charles, Parish Clerk and RFO

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Planning

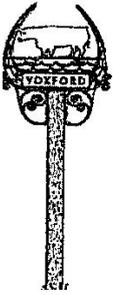
- a) Ref. No.: SCC/0051/23SC/DOR Sizewell C construction emergency plan

The application was discussed. Council voiced surprise at the limited list of Consultees and that Yoxford Parish Council is not included on that list. Given the village's proximity to the Sizewell site, Council voiced it would be appropriate to be consulted although acknowledged that this omission may be because the village does not site any emergency services. Councillors also noted that the deadline of July 27th by which to submit comments, is very short, especially given the time of year when so many are on annual leave.

Cllr. Russell Pearce proposed that the Council writes to Suffolk County Council for clarification regarding the list of consultees and deadline. This was seconded by Cllr. Dave Tower. All Councillors voted in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Suffolk County Council (The letter, on behalf of Yoxford Parish Council and the reply, via email, from Suffolk County Council, are attached as Appendices to these minutes)

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm.



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July 20th 2023

Dear Ms Teague

Re.: Sizewell C Planning Application Planning Application - SCC/0051/23SC/DOR

Following a meeting of Yoxford Parish Council on July 19th, Council has instructed me to contact with you to share its thoughts about the above named planning application.

It is Yoxford Parish Council's understanding that the application is meant to be a public document but notes, with surprise, how limited the number of named consultees is. Furthermore, it is surprised that Yoxford Parish Council is not included on the Consultees list and asks for clarification and a review of this decision. Given the village's proximity to the Sizewell site, Council believes it would be appropriate to be consulted.

Secondly, the deadline of July 27th by which to submit comments, is very short, especially given the time of year when so many are on annual leave. With this in mind, Yoxford Parish Council requests that the consultation period is extended to a date in September which will provide consultees and members of the public with ample time to contribute to the process.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With my thanks and kind regards

Trudy

Trudy Charles

Parish Clerk and RFO to Yoxford Parish Council

Email sent: Thu, 20 Jul, 13:39

Dear Trudy and Yoxford Parish Council,

Thank you for getting in contact in relation to the Discharge of Requirement 6 Emergency Planning.

To clarify, the Discharge of Requirements process of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) is different to a traditional planning application. Under the Development Consent Order (DCO) there is no legal obligation for parish councils to be consulted, nor any individual members of the public, householders, or local communities.

The DCO set out in Requirement 6 the required consultees, as follows:

(1) No less than 18 weeks prior to the commencement of the authorised development a construction emergency plan must be submitted to and agreed by Suffolk County Council in its capacity as emergency planning authority following consultation with the Office for Nuclear Regulation and Sizewell Emergency Planning Consultative Committee or Suffolk Resilience Forum as appropriate.

Therefore, the following bodies or organisations have been notified as compulsory consultees:

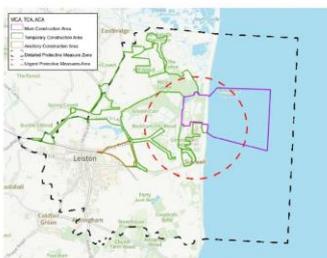
- Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit: Head of Emergency Planning [i.e. SCC in our capacity as emergency planning authority]
- Sizewell Emergency Planning Consultative Committee (EPCC): Technical Support Officer
Emergency Planning Group, EDF Energy
- Suffolk Resilience Forum (SRF): SRF Partnership Manager
- Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR): Inspector
- East Suffolk Council: Energy Projects Team

Suffolk County Council has also notified the following bodies on a discretionary basis:

- Leiston Parish Council
- Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council
- Theberton & Eastbridge Parish Council
- Saxmundham Town Council
- Knodishall Parish Council

These parish councils were chosen due to their proximity to the Protective Measure Zones, as indicated in Appendix C.1 of the submitted document (I include a screenshot below).

APPENDIX C.1 CONSTRUCTION AREAS & EMERGENCY PROTECTION ZONES



Yoxford was not selected as a parish to notify directly, as it was not within or adjacent to, the protective measures zones, as displayed in the screenshot above.

However, Yoxford Parish Council are very welcome to submit comments in relation to this Discharge of Requirement, if they wish.

You can find the details of this Discharge of Requirements, here:

<http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F0051%2F23SC%2FDOR>

In terms of timeframes for comments, three weeks (21 days) is the standard consultation period for planning matters and Discharge of Requirements.

I can extend the deadline by an additional week to Friday 4th August, if Yoxford Parish Council wish to provide any comments.

Unfortunately I cannot extend the deadline for comments by any further than this date.

Under the DCO, I have a very specific timeframe to make a decision on this Discharge of Requirement. The deadline for my decision to be made and finalised is 31st August.

Under the DCO, if I have not made and submitted my decision to the applicant (in this case, SZC Co.), the Discharge of Requirement is deemed as approved automatically.

I hope this has been helpful for you.

If you do wish to submit comments in relation to this Discharge of Requirement on behalf of Yoxford Parish Council, please do so by Friday 4th August at the latest.

Kind regards,

Georgia

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