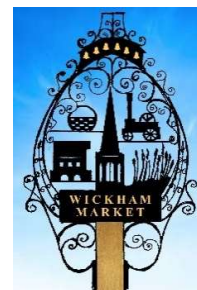


WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: GEMMA DEMPSEY-GRAY



SIZEWELL C COMMITTEE

Chair: David Chenery

MINUTES of the Meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council, Sizewell C Committee held on Monday 13 November 2023 at 19:30

- SZC23: 16 **Present from the Council:** Cllr Chenery (Chair) Arthur Stansfield
Cllr Gray Anne Westover
Cllr Horsnell
Cllr Jenkinson A Besly (Clerk)
- SZC23: 17 **Present from the Public:** 3
- SZC23: 18 **Open Public Forum session** (3 minutes per person): None
- SZC23: 19 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr French
- SZC23: 20 **Declarations of Interest** and Dispensations in items on the agenda. One dispensation was recorded for Anne Westover's Non-Registerable Interest
- SZC23: 21 **Chair's Report:** Cllr Chenery reported back on the responses from Richard Bull on Sizewell C actions. *Attached at Annex 1*
- SZC23: 22 **Approval of draft minutes** of SZC Cttee meeting on 4 October 2023
It was proposed that the draft minutes of 4 October be approved as a true record. One abstention through non-attendance, **All Others Agreed**. Cllr Chenery signed the minutes
- SZC23: 23 **Approval of notes** of EDF meeting with SCC, ESC and WMPC on 11 October 2023 and update on actions
It was proposed that the draft notes of the EDF meeting with SCC, ESC and WMPC on 11 October 2023 be approved as a true record. Two abstentions through non-attendance, **All Others Agreed**. *Notes attached as Annex 2*
The following was also noted:
- The 30mph extension at Border Cot Lane would be managed by the full Council through Cllr Chenery
 - The responses from Sizewell C are attached at Annex 1
 - Anne Westover will follow up with Flagship Homes regarding the development of garages at Barham's Way
- SZC23: 24 **Update on recent Judicial Review** into SZC at Court of Appeal
Cllr Chenery reported that:
- There are still issues with water and the desalination plant
 - There is unlikely to be a decision in the near future
- SZC23: 25 **Consider Sizewell C Ltd Deed of Covenant** with WMPC and agree Representative and deputy to attend Governance Group meetings
It was noted that the change to the Deed of Covenant was the name change to Sizewell C Ltd. There is still a need for two Parish representatives to engage with Sizewell C Ltd during the construction phase. Cllr Chenery offered to be the main contact and Arthur Stansfield offered to be a deputy. The full council will be required to reapprove the Deed of Covenant in preparation for signature.
- SZC23: 26 **Update from SZC work tracker web site**
The SZC works tracker can be accessed from the WMPC Website <https://wickhammarketpc.com/parish-council/sizewell-c/> or direct at <https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/track-a-project/>
Cllr Chenery provided a short demonstration
- SZC23: 27 **Effect of recent flooding** on EDF's proposed traffic calming measures
There was an open discussion and the following was noted:
- Concern over run off from the new Park and Ride, particularly as the Traffic Management area is likely to be an impervious surface – does it run towards Marlesford? Request EDF to clarify.
 - Flooding closed the lower high street for 2-3 days. How would EDF traffic plans manage this?
 - Cllr Chenery highlighted that WMPC are creating an emergency plan which will be based on a template from SALC
- Cllr Chenery closed the meeting to allow a public forum:
The main concerns were access concerns due to traffic management measures on the Lower High Street and The Drift
- SZC23: 28 **Date of next meeting:** To be arranged following feedback from EDF

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting

Signed.

Cllr Chenery, Chair.

Date.

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Annex 1: Responses from Richard Bull on Sizewell C actions

Just as an update to inform your meeting today.

Comments on progress to each of our actions below in red.

1. **SZC action** to review Hopkins Homes highway design / access proposals and align SZC WM design elements – i.e. footway extents, speed limit extension, gateway locations, crossings. [WSP are engaging with Hopkins Homes highway design consultants to align design proposals on B1438. We have received their CAD design information. Design coordination on-going.]
2. **SZC action** to confirm WM Post Office access / egress. [After the Working Group meeting on 11th October WSP met with representative from the Post Office while we were looking at the private access location. Anthony confirmed that the PO use up to a 17.5t rigid for deliveries. Design vehicle has now been tracked and kerb design amended to avoid impacting access egress.]
3. **SZC action** – amend design to mitigate potential impact of NB queued traffic blocking from the Chapel Lane build-out across the Village Hall access. Proposed ‘keep clear’. [Design has been amended to include ‘Keep Clear’ marking, and will appear in next design revision.]
4. **SZC action** – pedestrian build-outs. Consider opportunities to make them narrower width, to return some kerb space to parking, without compromising pedestrian safety. E.g. potential for reflective bollard one side only. [Design team investigating narrower build-outs and will be incorporate in 100% design submission.]
5. **SZC action** – respond to concerns around loss of parking at High St / Border Cot Lane junction. Explore alternative arrangement which removes pedestrian crossing build out immediately east of junction, and reinstates existing parking on the inside of the bend. Requires tracking of HGVs from Border Cot Lane, visibility splays checks and review of signage visibility. [The design has been amended to remove the pedestrian buildout / crossing point at Border Cot Lane. Vehicle tracking has been done keeping an offset to on-street parking along the High Street. Reduces loss of parking on High Street at Border Cot Lane, regaining c. 4 bays.]
6. **SZC action** – check swept path for access / egress from The Drift. Noting proposed marked parking bays already exist adjacent this access. Check whether proposed build-out is introducing any additional constraint, or could be amended slightly to ease access / egress. [Vehicle tracking work on-going.]
7. **SZC action** – check visibility splays on Border Cot Lane informal crossing east of Broad Road junction. Existing issue highlighted in workgroup. Possibility or hedge trimming, but appears to be third-party hedge. [Visibility splays from existing drop-kerb crossing added to design drawings.]
8. **SZC action** – ped build-out south of Morris Road appears to slightly over-lap existing access to cemetery paddock. Move south by a few metres and run tracking for 4x4 vehicle to confirm ease of access / egress. [Buildout shifted 2m south from the access. 4X4 vehicle used for tracking to confirm access / egress.]

This is still a work in progress but hopefully provides some detail on where the team are currently.

Kind regards

Richard

Annex 2: Notes of EDF Sizewell C meeting

Date: 11 October 2023

Item	Action
<p>Attending: Nick, Patrick – from WSP design consultants John, Des, Zoe, Richard Bull – SZC Cllr Sally Noble – ESC Carolyn Barnes – ESC Steve Merry, Julia – SCC Highways Cllrs Chenery (meeting Chair and minute taker), Ivor, Arthur, John Day, Gloria, John Horsnell – WMPC</p> <p>Apologies: SCC Cllr Alexander Nicholl, other WMPC Cllrs, Anne Westover</p> <p>David advised that the minutes of the WMPC Sizewell C inaugural Committee Meeting of 4 Oct 23 were just the views of the Cttee. Following this meeting the Cttee would meet again asap to discuss and report to full council in December. He also advised the meeting what the Cttee remit was.</p> <p>Richard advised that WSP were carrying out prelim design and evolving the consultation drawings into construction drawings.</p> <p>We discussed the following:</p> <p>20mph zone or limit on the main roads within the proposed village gateways</p> <p>WMPC Cttee support this on the basis of resident’s concerns, the amount of additional traffic and that the proposed kerb build outs would seem to satisfy SCC’s criteria for a lower limit. SCC Steve Merry supported this around the Hill but not elsewhere as he feared drivers would feel frustrated and then drive faster when leaving the lower limit. Cllr Noble supported the lower limit throughout. Cllr Noble did note that she had spoken to Cllr Nicoll and he supported this motion Agreed that David would seek support from Cllr Nicholl and cc Steve.</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <p>WMPC asked whether monitoring during SZC construction phase would take place within WM to measure traffic volumes, speed, noise, vibration and air quality? SCC Steve Merry did confirm no monitoring was intended to take place but Richard would seek advice on annual traffic counts, perhaps near The Drift to see if the data matched expectations. He advised that the other suggested monitoring was discussed at the Examination and as there were no SZC HGV’s travelling through the village then there would be no need. Arthur remained concerned about possible air pollution and its effect on health and also whether the HGV route from Debach Industries could be used for SZC HGV’s.</p> <p>Trade from the Park and Ride site</p> <p>David Chenery advised that WM traders would welcome additional trade from the SZC workforce. Richard confirmed the worker Code of Conduct would not restrict this. David stressed the importance of maintaining the viability of the village Post Office as a key village asset.</p> <p>Community Fund</p> <p>WMPC SZC Committee would recommend that applications should be made to this fund to support a new or modernised village hall project and possibly village centre carparking.</p> <p>Assessment of proposed traffic calming measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village gateway design – WSP advised the design followed SCC’s standard and only involved paint on the road surface and use of other materials with no physical constraint. On that basis WMPC Cllrs 	<p>DC</p>

<p>were more content on the design. The gateway road surface materials & markings to be considered at later stages of WSP scheme development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural traffic – WSP confirmed the narrowest restriction would be 3.2m but with kerbing that could be over-sailed. This would assume traffic would give and take through the narrowing. Agreed that David Chenery and WSP would jointly contact local farmers for a response. • Priority System build out should not obstruct the gateway into the Cemetery paddock. WSP to look at moving this build out slightly southward • Overlap with Hopkins Homes developments – the ongoing new Wickham Gate will provide a S278 pedestrian crossing on the main road – Steve to send details to Nick at WSP. • Build out on the post office car park access – David raised concerns that this build out may legally obstruct a right of access to the property on the south side of the car park. However WM-SWC Cttee supported a full height kerb build out to protect pedestrians waiting to cross and also to deter northbound traffic mounting the footway through the priority section. WSP to Contact Mr Davis at PO review, assess the largest vehicle accessing the car park (Post Office?) and carry out swept path analysis. • WMPC Cllrs were concerned over northbound queuing traffic for the priority system blocking the 4m wide road at the Village Hall access – it was agreed the WSP would look at installing a Keep Clear Road Marking opposite the access. • WMPC Cllrs asked about reducing the width of the buildouts to allow a small amount of additional space for parallel parking – WSP to consider. • Arthur queried the benefit of build outs and whether any data had been gathered to support their use and location. WSP confirmed a Stage 1 Safety Audit had been carried out with no general concerns further Safety Audits would be carried out about the build out as project moves forward, however as the design progresses then further discussions can be held. • Border Cott Lane junction – considerable discussion was carried out. WMPC Cllrs supported the kerb build out on the north side to square up the side road with the main road however their balance between public safety versus the loss of parking had moved to support the latter in this area of the village. Opportunities for parking elsewhere were reducing. It was agreed that WSP would look at removing a Pedestrian crossing point on the main road south of the junction which will allow the retention of more parking on the east side of the main road on the inside of the bend. WSP will do an HGV swept path to assess if HGV's leaving Border Cot Lane Junction would be able to turn to the north if this parking was retained. • Build outs near The Drift and just south of Lower Street – Arthur felt the build out on the east side of The Drift made it more dangerous for traffic leaving The Drift. He also queried the need for the Lower Street build out although it was noted this could contribute to traffic calming – WSP to check locations and the safety audit. • Shared use cycle/footway between Rackhams and roundabout – SCC Steve Merry advised this would be a 3 metre wide shared Cycle/Pedestrian route with pinch points at various locations Steve felt the hedges would need a hard cut back to obtain sufficient verge width but not removed. • Border Cot Lane – concerns raised about the existing footway on the north side having poor visibility of traffic to the west, and whether the proposed gateway could be moved further west. WSP advised this was not possible as there would then be limited visibility of the gateway for eastbound traffic however WSP agreed to look into ways to improve safety for pedestrians. • Broad Road – no concerns raised except several business workers park here and would lose some parking. WMPC asked Cllr Noble to ask ESC if they can seriously look at the car park charges for the mostly empty ESC long stay car park. <p>Additional Notes:</p> <p>EDF Richard Bull advised the meeting of their Construction Phase Traffic Strategy Plan</p> <p>WMPC David Chenery advised meeting that there is still outstanding pathway works under S278 agreement associated with Wickham Gate development. Steve Merry to investigate.</p>	<p>DC/WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>SM/WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>SN</p> <p>SM</p>
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