

## **WARD COUNCILLORS' AUGUST REPORT:**

### **ALDEBURGH WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT AUGUST 2020**

**Thank you to those that participated from our ward regarding the Jlag (joint local authority group) town and parish meeting last week.**

**There are a number of special dates for your diary and the agendas will be published on the website; please do look out for these. These meetings will take place via zoom and should be broadcast via the council YouTube site.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 6.30pm extraordinary Full Council Meeting**

**21<sup>st</sup> September 6.30pm Extraordinary Cabinet Meeting**

**(30<sup>th</sup> September is the last date for submissions for consultation responses)**

### **Annual Canvass of Electors 2020**

Each year we contact every household to check whether we have the correct people registered to vote and to ask you to inform us of any changes. This year, as part of the Government's canvass reform programme, we have already been able to contact some properties by email to make the process simpler. We are now writing to properties asking you to check who we have registered and tell us about any changes.

This year's canvass, which we have to carry out by law, is taking place during a challenging public health situation. From Monday 3 August to approximately 100,000 properties in East Suffolk asking you to confirm if the details we hold for your property are correct. Please follow the instructions on your letter, and where a response is required please respond online or by text message where possible.

If you need to speak to someone to make your changes or you have any questions regarding your response please call us on 01502 523320

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections/annual-electoral-canvass/>

### **Celebrating East Suffolk's volunteers**

Hundreds of volunteers have stepped up and dedicated their time to help in their local communities in East Suffolk during the pandemic – now it is our turn to say thank you!

East Suffolk Council wants to celebrate the people, organisations and businesses who have given up their time, knowledge, and skills to help make a difference in their communities during the Covid-19 outbreak.

As part of this, the Council has decided to create a unique eBook which will tell the stories of some of our volunteers and showcase the important work they have carried out, and continue to carry out as many still need support, even as lockdown restrictions are gradually easing.

Cllr Steve Gallant, Leader of East Suffolk Council, said: "Covid-19 has taken a terrible toll on the country, but it has also brought out the very best in our communities and highlighted the incredible lengths that people are willing to go through to help others.

"East Suffolk's response to the crisis has been nothing short of amazing and I am truly grateful to the hundreds of people, organisations and businesses who have dedicated their time and resources to support their communities – they have been delivering vital food and medicines to vulnerable residents, manufacturing PPE to protect carers, making phone calls to lonely and/or isolated residents and much, much more.

"To thank each and every one of these unsung heroes, we want to produce a unique eBook to tell some of their stories and celebrate their amazing achievements. To help us, please nominate the people, organisations or businesses that have helped in your community during the crisis by filling out this short form."

If you know of anyone in your community who have been volunteering and helped those in need during this time or have been involved with an organisation or businesses which has stepped in as a response to Covid-19, please make sure you nominate them by filling out [this short form](https://thebridge3.typeform.com/to/eAAIJ8Dd). <https://thebridge3.typeform.com/to/eAAIJ8Dd>

All nominations must be entered by Thursday 27 August 2020.

### Call for Government to enable green changes

East Suffolk Council has called on the Government to consider implementing lasting changes which will have significant environmental benefits for communities, the country and the planet.

The East Suffolk Environment Task Group and Greenprint Forum has written to Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industry Strategy, to encourage the Government to consider the unique opportunity of bringing about lasting changes to address climate change in its Covid-19 recovery plan.

Also copied into the letter were local MPs Therese Coffey, Peter Aldous and Dan Poulter.

The letter, which has been signed by Cllr James Mallinder, Chair of Environment Task Group and Cabinet Member for the Environment and Jane Healey, Chair of the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum, expresses the need for the Government to provide local councils with the correct framework, systems and resources to respond to the everchanging environment and deliver on its climate change commitments.

It goes on to raise specific points for the Secretary of State to consider, including enabling Planning Authorities to make decisions aligned with climate change commitments, making funding available to those directly affected by coastal erosion, introducing tax incentives to ensure new housing developments are zero-carbon and putting in measures to encourage and support sustainable travel and address over-consumption.

East Suffolk Council is committed to tackling climate change, but we cannot do this alone. As a Council, we have been and continue to be proactive, we are asking residents to be proactive and now it is time that we ask Westminster to be proactive so that we can achieve our commitments. In order to do this, we need support and further powers from the Government to allow us to implement significant changes to ensure we can achieve our climate change target, to the benefit of our communities, the country and the planet.”

**Jane Healey said:**

“I urge the Government to do their utmost to provide East Suffolk, and other communities around the country, with the framework and tools that we need to effect meaningful change locally.

“The Greenprint Forum is a wide and diverse network of people, organisations and businesses from around East Suffolk who are all committed to our vision of working together to improve our quality of life whilst significantly reducing our carbon footprint, and by combining our voices with that of East Suffolk Council I hope our shared message has a bigger impact and we look forward to the Government’s response.”

You can read the letter: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Environment/East-Suffolk-Environment-Task-Group/Climate-Change-Commitments.pdf>

## East Suffolk towns to be digitally transformed

Our Smart Towns project, which will digitally transform East Suffolk’s market towns and help them recover from the impact of Covid-19, has been awarded £450,000 in local and Government funding!

Twelve towns in East Suffolk are to benefit from new technology including free WiFi and footfall tracking, to help high streets and town centres recover from the impact of Covid-19.

Following a successful pilot in [Framlingham last year](#), East Suffolk’s ‘Smart Towns’ Project will now be rolled out to 11 other market towns across the district.

The project will provide free WiFi for visitors in the main shopping areas of each town, as well as providing footfall tracking technology to help town councils and business

groups understand how and when residents and visitors use these areas. This data will enable them to improve services and offerings to attract more visitors, as well as gauging the success of events and specific promotions.

'Smart Towns' uses the same principles as 'Smart City' technology, where urban areas use electronic data to continuously monitor and improve services. However, 'Smart Towns' will instead use this technology to benefit rural town centres, high streets and communities.

Many local businesses have been adversely affected by Covid-19 and it is hoped the project will help ensure business sustainability. As well as free WiFi and footfall tracking, the 'Smart Towns' project will provide a 'digital springboard' for local businesses, enabling them to maximise the benefits of the digital economy. Businesses will be able to access digital diagnostics, workshops and coaching to help them get the most from new technology, such as improved websites and social media use, contactless payments, online booking systems, or attracting customers through digital vouchers, apps and loyalty schemes.

Cllr Stephen Burroughes, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Customer Services, Operational Partnerships and Digital Transformation, said: "Our high streets and town centres have been affected by lockdown restrictions and we are doing all we can to support businesses to reopen safely and to encourage people back to our town centres. Post Covid-19, there is now more emphasis on digital platforms, with many customers changing the way they shop and access services. We want to help local businesses adapt to this by giving them the tools and support they need to reconnect with their customers, accelerate their recovery and help their business to thrive.

"The whole community will benefit from the new technology; residents and visitors will be better connected when in the town centres through free WiFi and will also be able to stay informed about upcoming events, offers and local news directly relating to their town."

In addition to Framlingham, the scheme will now be introduced in Aldeburgh, Beccles, Bungay, Felixstowe, Halesworth, Leiston, Lowestoft, Saxmundham, Southwold, Wickham Market and Woodbridge.

Work to roll out the scheme is to begin later this summer and be completed within two years. It is hoped that, in future, smaller towns and villages may also benefit.

To date, around £400,000 has been spent on bringing the project forward, with cabinet approving a further £500,000 from its transformation reserve budget.

**Thinking about an Apprentice?**

The scheme provides employers that hire a new apprentice between 1 August and 31 January 2021 with \*£2000 for each new apprentice aged 16-24 -£1500 for each new apprentice over 25

From August to January, any firm that hires a new young apprentice aged 16 to 24 will receive £2,000, while those that hire new apprentices aged 25 and over will be paid £1,500.

Announcing the incentives during his summer statement, Sunak told the House of Commons: “We know apprenticeships work. Ninety one per cent stay in work or go on to further training.

“For the next six months we are going to pay employers to create new apprenticeships.

“We will pay businesses to hire young apprentices with a new payment of £2,000 per apprentice. And we will introduce a brand new bonus for businesses to hire apprentices aged 25 and over with a payment of £1,500.”

The Treasury has since published a [“plan for jobs” document](#), which states these payments will be in addition to the existing £1,000 incentive the government already provides for new 16 to 18 year-old apprentices, and those aged under 25 with an education, health and care plan where that applies.

It means that employers could receive up to £3,000 for hiring 16 to 18 year old apprentices from August to January.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-plan-for-jobs-documents/a-plan-for-jobs-2020>

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Posters are also on display in Aldeburgh to encourage people to use the nearest litter bin or take their rubbish home.

Best wishes

TJ & Jocelyn

## **WARD COUNCILLORS' SEPTEMBER REPORT:**

**Welcome to our September ward report.**

**We would like to wish all those starting or returning to education our very best wishes. As we mentioned in last month's report there are some important dates to look out for. Please keep an eye out on our website.**

# **Council considers Sizewell plans**

East Suffolk Council has published a report, to be discussed at Full Council on 3 September, which presents the authority's emerging views on EDF's proposals for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell.

As part of the DCO process, all interested parties must submit their views on the project (Relevant Representations) to the Planning Inspectorate by 30 September so that the Examiners can consider all issues and prepare an Examination of the proposal.

The Council's draft report considers EDF's submission to the Planning Inspectorate for consent to build the new facility and also acknowledges an undertaking by Council Leader, Cllr Steve Gallant, at Full Council in July, to ensure all councillors are given an opportunity to comment on the Council's submission.

### **Welcoming the report, Cllr Gallant said:**

"It is clear that many people in our communities are concerned about the principal of nuclear new build, its funding and its waste. However, the report makes it clear that the final decision will be eventually made by government, so it is vital, if the scheme is to be consented, that we work positively with EDF, the government and all stakeholders and communities to get the best possible outcome for East Suffolk. I am clear that if the potential concerns cannot be fully mitigated, we will require fully funded programmes to further compensate any adverse impacts.

"Furthermore, I entirely acknowledge there is a difficult balance to be struck between supporting the national and local economy and the environmental impacts this proposal will have in such a sensitive location and I want to hear from all my our councillors about local concerns so that this information can be fed in to the final submission.

"Additionally, particularly given Sizewell's location, this scheme must be placed in the context of the known and planned growth which we support as part of our Strategic Plan. The cumulative impact of many projects will put pressure on our

transport network and we will seek to work with all partners , including Highways England and Suffolk County Council, to ensure East Suffolk will remain open for business throughout the build programme and remains an attractive place to visit, to support our fantastic tourism offer and the many communities that are dependent on it.”

**Cllr Rivett, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for the Sizewell C project said:**

“The report contains a detailed early assessment of all the submission material and it is clear that whilst many aspects of the proposal are now clear there are still many unknowns that we want to understand further before finalising our position on all aspects. In working with EDF and others, the council is committed to help deliver the best project if it goes ahead while also promoting the best environmental standards.

“This scheme can provide a huge opportunity for our economy and skills both now and for many future generations of our area, however it absolutely must limit impacts on our fantastic habitat and landscape. On submission of the Relevant Representation we will want to continue engaging with EDF and all other stakeholders to work through all the outstanding issues including formulating the mitigation and funding packages.”

East Suffolk Council’s Relevant Representation will be considered by Cabinet on 21 September and, if agreed, it will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the 30 September. Receipt of Relevant Representations from all parties to the Planning Inspectorate is the start of the process that will continue through a formal Examination period which East Suffolk Council will take part in, before the Planning Inspectorate’s Examining Authority submit a report to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy who will make the final decision.

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council**

to be held on **Thursday 3 September 2020 at 6.30pm**

This meeting will be conducted remotely, pursuant to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

The meeting will be facilitated using the Zoom video conferencing system and broadcast via the East Suffolk Council YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/4cZQqjLQ2Zs>

**Part One - Open To The Public**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence, if any.




## 2 Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Local Non-Pecuniary Interests that they may have in relation to items on the Agenda and are also reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the Meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.

## 3 [Development Consent Order for EDF Energy / SZC CO. Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station - Response of East Suffolk Council - Draft Relevant Representation](#)

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

1.  [ES-0475 - DCO Sizewell C Power Station - Response of ESC - Draft Relevant Reps](#) (425Kb)
1.  [ES-0475 - Appendix A](#) (864Kb)

## Part Two - Confidential

There are no Exempt or Confidential items for this Agenda.

## Meeting Documents

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There are no separate meeting documents but there may be meeting documents assigned to the Agenda.

There is also the ESC Cabinet meeting (this evening)

### Meeting of the Cabinet

to be held on **Tuesday 1 September 2020** at **6:30pm**

This meeting will be conducted remotely, pursuant to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

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## **3 Announcements**

To receive any announcements.

## **4 Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on

**4a**  [Minutes 7 July 2020](#) (171Kb)

**4b**  [Minutes 13 August 2020](#) (113Kb)

### **KEY DECISIONS**

#### **5 [Lowestoft Investment Plan](#)**

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

1.  [ES0469 - Lowestoft Investment Plan](#) (277Kb)
1.  [ES0469 - Appendix A](#) (902Kb)
2.  [ES0469 - Appendix B](#) (90Kb)

#### **6 [First Light Festival](#)**

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

1.  [ES0471 - First Light Festival](#) (443Kb)

#### **7 [Felixstowe Business Improvement District](#)**

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

1.  [ES0470 - Felixstowe Business Improvement District](#) (209Kb)

### **NON-KEY DECISIONS**

#### **8 [East Suffolk Council Outturn Report 2019/20](#)**

Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance

1.  [ES0473 - ESC Outturn Report 2019-20](#) (373Kb)

#### **9 Exempt/Confidential**

## Simplified parking tariffs to be rolled out

Following a delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, East Suffolk Council will now begin rolling out new parking tariffs across the district - including a simplified pricing structure and free half hour parking across a number of sites.

Reducing over 50 different price points to just three or four main ticket types across the district, the new price structure will see prices reduced or frozen in over 70% of cases. Additionally, the council has introduced 30 minutes free parking in a number of car parks to support people who have told us that they make regular short visits. This will also support local businesses who will benefit from drivers making quick turnarounds in our car parks.

East Suffolk Council will introduce the new tariffs in a staggered roll out, with signs erected to indicate the new charges, starting in Bungay on Monday 24 August. The roll out will then continue through the district across the next few weeks.

Cllr Norman Brooks, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Transport, said: "Our new tariffs have been led by the data we have received from historical parking information and we are determined to make the process as simple and reasonable as possible. We know that the range of different charges has been inconsistent, and we also know that the tariffs to date have not necessarily suited the vast majority of people who park in our towns.

"The prices for longer stays remain competitive and our data tells us that around 75% of all users will pay just £1 or £1.50 for a two-hour stay. These changes are not about making money – in fact, we will not be making a penny of additional revenue from them, with more than 70% of tariff levels reduced or stay the same for a two-hour visit. This is about continuing to invest in improving the parking experience in East Suffolk, making it easier for everyone."

East Suffolk Council is also continuing to make the best use of technology to improve services by making them more efficient, and has seen an increase of 129% on contactless payments in its car parks as visitors take advantage of the simple RingGo app to park with ease and confidence.

Available in all East Suffolk's car parks, RingGo is a quick and easy to use mobile phone service which lets people pay for their parking with a credit or debit card, via an app, rather than using cash at the machine. This means that drivers no longer need to queue at the machine or handle cash to pay for their parking.

Whilst there used to be a convenience fee of 20p to use the app, East Suffolk Council covers this cost, so drivers do not get charged extra for using this payment option. There is however a small extra charge if drivers choose to opt in to receive SMS reminders, of when your time is running out.

To register with RingGo and go contactless, go to <https://ringgo.co.uk/>.

Parking management moved from the police to East Suffolk Council in April 2020, to improve parking locally and tackle nuisance and unlawful parking, enabling the Council to address the parking problems that are affecting communities the most.

Cllr Brooks continues: “Our role is to support local communities and manage parking demand by enforcing existing regulations and ensuring there are parking opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Key to this is tackling inconsiderate and illegal parking which can impact on businesses as well as pose a danger to other road users and pedestrians.”

Alongside this, the Council also reviewed how it administrated on-street parking permits, exemptions and dispensations. As a result of this, a new digital system has been put in place, enabling residents and others to apply for and manage permits online. The system also recognises valid permits from a vehicle’s registration number, meaning that permit holders will no longer need to remember to display their permits.

For more details, go to [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking-services/parking-places](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking-services/parking-places) and [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking-services/permits-exemptions-and-dispensations/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking-services/permits-exemptions-and-dispensations/).

## Huge increase in contactless parking payments

East Suffolk Council has seen a big increase for contactless payments in its car parks as visitors take advantage of the simple RingGo app to park with ease and confidence.

New figures show that drivers in East Suffolk have increasingly been using RingGo when parking in council-owned car parks. In fact, payments via the app has increased by a massive 129% compared to this time last year – going from 15,012 in July 2019 to 34,498 in July 2020.

Cllr Norman Brooks, East Suffolk’s cabinet member for Transport, said: “Having the option of contactless payment in our car parks has never been more important, and we have seen a significant increase in payments made via the RingGo app this summer.

“Evidently, drivers value this option, and I am sure that many will continue to use it going forward now they have experienced how easy it is to use and the many benefits it offers – such as avoiding queues or scrambling around looking for coins. The option to top-up tickets if you’re running a little late is invaluable too.

“This is a great example of how we are making the best use of technology to make life easier and is part of our wider approach to digital transformation and improving services by making them more efficient.

“Of course, we want to ensure that parking is accessible to everyone, and cash payments can still be made at ticket machines in all our car parks by those who prefer this option.”

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## Council charges forward with new electric vehicles

East Suffolk Council has introduced new electric vehicles to its fleet as part of its commitment to tackle climate change.

East Suffolk Council is continuing to proactively take steps to reduce its carbon emissions by introducing six new electric vehicles to its fleet run by partners, East Suffolk Norse.

The environment is a key principle of East Suffolk's Strategic Plan and, alongside its declaration of a climate emergency last year, the council is committed to environmental issues and fighting climate change.

Cllr James Mallinder, Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "Tackling climate change is a priority for East Suffolk Council, and we have pledged to become carbon-neutral by 2030.

"Introducing these carbon-emission free vehicles to our fleet is just another example of how committed and proactive we are in achieving that target. And not only are they a great addition to our green commitments, contributing to cleaner air, they are also financially beneficial as it costs just 14p per kWh to charge them.

"I strongly believe that making changes such as these to how we operate will make a big difference over time and help build a legacy for future generations. Personally, I will be very proud to see them on our roads."

Since adopting a climate emergency in July 2019, the Council has begun to thread the environment through all decisions, choices and policy formation. This includes the creation of a cross-party Environment Task Group to analyse existing policy and look at where improvements could be made going forward.

Earlier this year, the Council launched its first Housing Enabling Strategy which will play a key role in achieving the Council's green commitments by providing developers with guidance to ensure homes are energy efficient and built to environmentally sustainable standards.

Additionally, forty new 'wild areas' were created across the district to benefit insects and pollinators and town and parish councils are also being encouraged to identify land which could be suitable for tree planting.

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### **Be part of the pick Great British September Clean**

#### **11-27 September 2020**

Earlier this year we were blown away by the support from everyone – volunteers, local authorities, charities and businesses – for the Great British Spring Clean, which was due to take place from 20 March - 13 April.

With more than 680,000 volunteers promising to give us their time, the enthusiasm and excitement it generated exceeded all our expectations.

**However, with our first priority to make sure everyone stayed safe and well, we postponed this year's campaign due to Covid-19.**

Now we are back and here's how you can get involved and show support for our Great British September Clean:

**[Organise a private clean-up](https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/user/register)** with up to five other family and friends.  
<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/user/register>

**Pledge to do your own individual clean-up**, you can give as little as 15 minutes to the campaign. <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/pledge-to-pick>

Lastly....

We want to make you all aware, on 24<sup>th</sup> August Ofgem and BEIS published an open letter which calls for views primarily from developers who are either already pursuing some level of coordination or have identified an opportunity to do so. They are wanting to understand what has prevented the development of coordinated transmission assets and seek suggestions to overcome the barriers. A link to this letter has been provided below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/increasing-the-level-of-coordination-in-offshore-electricity-infrastructure-beis-and-ofgem-open-letter>

This is part of the ongoing work BEIS are undertaking to look at increasing the level of coordination in offshore electricity infrastructure.

Best wishes

T-J & Joc