

Appendix 2

Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group

Meeting held on 15th Sept Theberton Village Hall

The meeting started with a report on the meeting with Copeland Borough Council in West Cumbria. A copy of which is attached together with a list of community projects.

Malcom Blakeney (chairman) said that Suffolk County Council and the District Council wanted to involve the group in a task force as part of a planning performance agreement regarding the high risk store for nuclear waste. The aim would be to ask for community compensation and to monitor the planning application by EDF. The first meeting will be in October. The current planning legislation from the Department of the Environment leaves a gap for the principal of community benefit from the energy industry. The industry cannot be forced to comply with regulation 106 so the council is hidebound by current legislation.

Regarding the community fund the following stages were agreed.

Stage 1 To establish the principle of a community fund.

Stage 2 How it would be done and who would benefit.

Stage 3 How much.

We wondered what EU regulation was regarding planning gain and it was agreed to look into it. The planning permission for Sizewell C comes from the government and the District Council is only a consultee.

It was also agreed to see if there was a similar association as the SPLG at Hinckley Point.

The point was raised that we do not have a local corporation tax on businesses so what is the logic of charging EDF and the wind farms.

There is a web site www.sizewellparishes.org.uk

The next meeting will be held on 17th November.