

Energy projects: some good news - following a recent consultation, National Grid has decided that its Belgium/Kent Nautilus interconnector will now landfall at the Isle of Grain instead of in Suffolk. This is the outcome that Westleton Parish Council, along with all other local councils and pressure groups, had lobbied for. National Grid has said that "*Community and stakeholder feedback has been essential to the evolution of Nautilus*". However, Lionlink, Sealink and the Scottish Power projects are still planned for Suffolk, and so the Friston Substation and the associated converter stations are still expected to be built by Saxmundham.

Sizewell C's (SZC) Northern Transport Forum was held on 6 November. The Forum is the opportunity for SZC to update Parishes on transport developments and to answer questions. Amongst many other things:

- East Suffolk District Council (ESDC) explained that it has set-up a housing fund (funded by SZC) offering grants for redecoration and renovation to allow homeowners to create bedspaces for SZC workers. The grants range from £3000-£7000 – info can be found on the ESDC website.
- SZC explained that it is clearing a lot of trees at the site and for the Yoxford roundabout, the Link Road and the Darsham Park and Ride. It is all being done now as this is the only time of year that clearance is possible without significant disturbance of other wildlife. The SZC plans include significant replanting.

Please go to the Westleton Website for a full report of the meeting.

Reminder: Orwell Housing Association (OHA) and ESDC will present their plans for the Affordable Housing Scheme in the Village Hall Foyer Monday 9th December between 3 and 7pm. This is a village consultation so do please drop in to see the plans. ESDC officers will also be present to register interest for the new homes and to explain the application process.

The New Year fireworks will be on 1 January – please see the notice in the Fisherman for full details.

The November Parish Council surgery will be on Monday 25 November - 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer.

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