

The White Horse: during the residents' meeting on 1 December a show of hands demonstrated that a sufficient number residents are willing to support the day-day running of the proposed Community Pub. Accordingly, a Steering Committee was established which now has the task to select a suitable legal structure, manage negotiations with the Chestnut Group, raise funds, establish governance, and agree a business plan. The group will then manage the operation of the pub itself. Many thanks to all who have supported the venture and in particular to the Steering Committee.

Sizewell C Northern Transport Forum 4 February: The Parish Council will be raising questions about traffic volumes and speeds on the B1125, additional traffic generated by the planned accommodation campus in Hinton, and poor road signage. If you have question you think the PC should ask at the next Forum, please submit them to: clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Lionlink: the consultation for the proposed Lionlink interconnector with the Netherlands has started (see the National Grid Lionlink webpage). The project proposes that the cables landfall at Walberswick and connect to the converter station at Saxmundham with the underground cable route passing around the north-west corner and then to the west of the Westleton. The proposed cable route follows a line central to the route corridor detailed in the earlier consultations - which means the cable route will not run as close to Westleton as could have been possible. The Lionlink team will be holding a consultation event in Westleton's Village Hall on Saturday 21 February when you can view the plans in and question the Lionlink team. Other events are scheduled in surrounding towns and villages on other dates (see the Lionlink website).

Sea Link Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Examination: The PINS examination has started. The Issue Specific hearings will take place 28-30 January. The Parish Council will make further representations stressing concerns about weight of traffic on the East Suffolk road network and the cumulative economic, social and environmental effects of Sea Link and the other current and planned energy projects in East Suffolk area.

Bonfire/Fireworks: many thanks to all who planned, attended and donated to the New Year's Day bonfire/fireworks and for making it a real success!

Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the Westleton Website and the notice board by the village shop. The next Parish Council surgery will be 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer on Monday 26 January.

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