

AGENDA

SWALE RURAL FORUM MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 19 August 2014

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Leysdown Village Hall, Wing Road, Leysdown, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4QR

Membership:

Councillors Barnicott, Bobbin, Monique Bonney, Lloyd Bowen, Bowles, June Garrad, Nicholas Hampshire, Lesley Ingham, Gerry Lewin, Prescott (Chairman), Pat Sandle, David Simmons (Vice-Chairman) and Ben Stokes.

Other Organisations:

Kevin Attwood, Swale National Farmers Union
Mike Baldock, Kent Association of Local Councils
Peter Blandon, Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
Alastair Brooks, Swale National Farmers Union
Tom Gates, Kent County Council
Bill Gardiner, Kent Association of Local Councils
Keith Harrison, Action with Communities in Rural Kent
Rollo Parsons, Swale National Farmers Union
Canon Caroline Pinchbeck, Diocese of Canterbury
Pamela Prescott, SEESwale
Sara Tucker, Kent Association of Local Councils
Inspector Gavin Wade, Kent Rural Police Force

Quorum = 9

Pages

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 May 2014 (Minute Nos. 24 - 33) as a correct record. [Link to Minutes](#)

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves or their spouse, civil partner or person with whom they are living with as a spouse or civil partner. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

The Chairman will ask Members if they have any interests to declare in

respect of items on this agenda, under the following headings:

(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) under the Localism Act 2011. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DPI, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.

(b) Disclosable Non Pecuniary (DNPI) under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2012. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DNPI interest, the Member may stay, speak and vote on the matter.

Advice to Members: If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or DNPI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Director of Corporate Services as Monitoring Officer, the Head of Legal or from other Solicitors in Legal Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.

4. Public Session

During public session, members of the public living in the Borough of Swale may make a statement, submit a petition, or ask the Chairman any question on any matter on which the Council has powers or duties, in respect of rural matters.

Questions or statements shall be read at the meeting and shall not last more than three minutes. An answer from the Chairman may take the form of a direct oral answer or be in writing. Questions submitted to the Democratic Services section in writing (including email) at least three days before the meeting will be taken first.

PART A REPORTS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET

5. Update from Kent Police

To receive a verbal update on crime in rural areas from Kent Police.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

6. Information Item - Ann Barnes (Kent Crime Commissioner)

Following a request made at the Swale Rural Forum meeting held on 27 May 2014, Ann Barnes (Kent Crime Commissioner) was invited to attend a meeting of the Swale Rural Forum.

A response has been received and Mrs Barnes has provisionally accepted an invitation to attend the Swale Rural Forum meeting on Tuesday 26 May 2015. Mrs Barnes' secretary will confirm her attendance in February 2015.

7. Rural Apprenticeships

To receive an update on apprenticeships within the rural community of Swale from Kieren Mansfield (Economy and Community Services Manager, Swale Borough Council).

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

8. The Leader Programme 5 - 8

To receive information on the LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

9. World War I Commemorative Events and Activities

Lower Halstow Parish Council have requested this item.

Parish Councils and Swale Borough Council to provide updates on what they are doing to commemorate the Centenary of World War 1.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

10. Rural Business Opportunities 9 - 14

To consider the Rural Roundup.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

11. Parking Problems outside village schools and speeding in rural areas

To consider any action that can be taken to improve parking problems outside village schools and speeding in rural areas.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

12. Information Item - Market Survey and Analysis of the Irrigation Services Sector in Kent 15 - 18

To note the attached brief which sets out the aims and timetable for completion of the work on market survey and analysis of the irrigation services sector in Kent.

13. Venue for Next Meeting - Badlesmere Village Hall

The next meeting on Tuesday 18 November 2014 will be held at Badlesmere Village Hall.

Issued on Monday, 11 August 2014

The reports included in Part I of this agenda can be made available in **alternative formats**. For further information about this service, or to arrange for special facilities to be provided at the meeting, **please contact DEMOCRATIC SERVICES on 01795 417330**. To find out more about the Rural Forum please visit www.swale.gov.uk

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