

AGENDA

SWALE RURAL FORUM MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Lower Halstow Memorial Hall, School Lane, Lower Halstow, Kent ME9 7ES

Membership:

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

Other Organisations:

Kevin Attwood, Swale National Farmers Union
Mr Mike Baldock, Kent Association of Local Councils
Peter Blandon, Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
Alastair Brooks, Swale National Farmers Union
Bill Gardiner, Kent Association of Local Councils
Mr Tom Gates, Kent County Council
Keith Harrison, Action with Communities in Rural Kent
Rollo Parsons, Swale National Farmers Union
Canon Caroline Pinchbeck, Diocese of Canterbury
Mrs 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 18 November 2014 (Minute Nos. 340 - 348) as a correct record.	
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. Leader Programme Update

To receive an update on the Leader Programme from Keith Harrison (Chief Executive (Action with Communities in Rural Kent)) and Huw Jarvis (Programme Manager (Kent Downs and Marshes Leader)).

Question from members of the public are welcome.

6. Update from Kent Police

To receive an update from Kent Police, to include information on the Rural Crime Initiative.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

7. Loss of hedgerow along the Lower Road (A2500)

Warden Parish Council have requested the following item:

'That the issue of the loss of more hedgerow along the Lower Road (A2500) be considered'.

The East Kent Area Officer has been invited to attend for this item.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

8. Facilities for Young People in 2015/16

The Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) Swale Area Committee have requested the following item:

'The issue of what facilities for young people will be available in 2015/16 (similar to the community youth project bus).'

The 0 – 25 Interim District Manager (Swale), Early Help & Preventative Services has been invited to attend for this item.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

9. Lack of Bridleways

Cllr Lewin has requested the following item:

Discussion on a perceived lack of bridleways in Swale west of the A249.

The East Kent Area Officer has been invited to attend for this item.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

10. Rural Business Opportunities

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To consider the Rural Roundup.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

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