

AGENDA

SWALE RURAL FORUM MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 26 May 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Warden Bay Village Hall, Warden Bay Road, Warden, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4NB

Membership:

Councillors Mike Baldock, Bobbin, Monique Bonney, Tina Booth, Lloyd Bowen, Bowles, Duncan Dewar-Whalley, June Garrad, Nicholas Hampshire, Lesley Ingham, Ken Ingleton, Gerry Lewin, Padmini Nissanga, Prescott, David Simmons, Ben Stokes, Mike Whiting and John Wright.

Other Organisations:

Kent County Council Representative – to be confirmed
3 Members of Swale National Farmers Union - to be confirmed
3 representatives of Kent Association of Local Councils - to be confirmed
Peter Blandon, Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
Keith Harrison, Action with Communities in Rural Kent
Canon Caroline Pinchbeck, Diocese of Canterbury
Mrs Pamela Prescott, SEESwale
Inspector Gavin Wade, Kent Rural Police Force

Quorum = 9

	Pages
1. Election of Chairman	
To elect a Chairman for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.	
2. Election of Vice-Chairman	
To elect a Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.	
3. Apologies for Absence	
4. Minutes	
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2015 (Minute Nos. 477 - 485) as a correct record.	
5. 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.

PART A REPORTS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET

6. 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.

7. Police Crime Commissioner - Invited to attend this meeting

Ann Barnes (Police Crime Commissioner) has been invited to attend to respond to questions raised in respect of crime in rural areas.

Questions from the public are welcome.

8. Update from Kent Police

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

9. Underground Electricity Cable in Swale

To receive a presentation from Tim Owen (Kent Downs AONB Unit) about underground electricity cable in the vicinity of the Lees court estate and Selling.

Questions from members of the public welcome.

10. Rural Business Opportunities

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To consider the Rural Roundup (attached).

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

11. Swale Rural Forum Meeting Dates and Venues for 2015/2016

Swale Rural Forum meeting dates and venues for 2015/2016 are as follows:

Tuesday 25 August 2015 – Badlesmere Parish Hall, Ashford Road,
Badlesmere Lees, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0NZ

Tuesday 17 November 2015 – Rodmersham Village Hall, Rodmersham
Green, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 0PS

Tuesday 23 February 2016 – Leysdown Village Hall, Wing Road,
Leysdown, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4QR

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