

AGENDA

SWALE RURAL FORUM MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2015

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Rodmersham Village Hall, Rodmersham Green, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 0PS

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 (Chairman), David Simmons (Vice-Chairman), Ben Stokes, Mike Whiting and John Wright.

Other Organisations:

Kevin Attwood, Swale National Farmers Union
Peter Blandon, Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
Alastair Brooks, Swale National Farmers Union
Mr Tom Gates, Kent County Council
Keith Harrison, Action with Communities in Rural Kent
Richard Palmer, Kent Association of Local Councils
Rollo Parsons, Swale National Farmers Union
Canon Caroline Pinchbeck, Diocese of Canterbury
Mrs Pamela Prescott, SEESwale
Amanda Saunders, Kent Association of Local Councils
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 25 August 2015 (Minute Nos. 157 - 165) 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.

PART A REPORTS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET

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.

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. Coastal Access

To receive a presentation from Mr Kevin Haugh (Lead Advisor Coastal Access), Kent and Sussex, Natural England about coastal access.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

7. Industrial/human waste onto farm land its handling/its incorporation and smell and what businesses can do to protect their customers

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Councillor John Wright submitted the following item:

“Application of industrial/human waste onto farm land its handling/its incorporation and smell. What pubs or other businesses should do when

their customers cannot use the beer gardens and the loss of trade in food sales and beer sales.”

The Environmental Response Manager (Swale Borough Council) and the Environment Agency have provided a response which is attached.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

8. Rural Business Opportunities

To consider the Rural Roundup.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

9. Next meeting - Tuesday 23 February 2016 at Leysdown Village Hall

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