

AGENDA

SWALE RURAL FORUM MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 23 February 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

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

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)
Mr Tom Gates, Kent County Council
Mr Ross Goatham, Swale National Farmers Union
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 17 November 2015
(Minute Nos. 338 - 345) 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

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

6. Provision of housing for elderly residents living in rural areas

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

7. Provision of bus services in rural areas

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

8. Issue of LED street/footway lighting

The following item has been included following a request from Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Council:

'The issue of LED street/footway lighting. We have had concerns expressed by residents about the change from sodium to LED lights, in particular with regard to health and sleep issues and damage to wildlife. Would it be possible to ask if there is any evidence of problems and what

feedback has been received by other PC's who have installed LEDs'.

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

9. The Future of the Swale Rural Forum

Questions from members of the public are welcome.

10. Rural Business Opportunities

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Questions from members of the public are welcome.

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