

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Mr D L Wood - Chairman

Mrs J Antill	Mr F R Lawrenson
Dr M F M Bamford	Mr J A B Long
Mr S R Barrett	Mrs M O Munson
Mr A C Bavington	Mrs A M Norman
Mr P K Beer	Mr J M Nunn
Mr P D Burgoyne	Mr A F D W Osborne
Mr D M Busby	Mr J M Owen
Mrs S Carpendale	Mrs A K Pollard
Mr J R B Cave	Mr N A Ridley
Mrs K S Grandon	Mr B Riley
Mr D G Grutchfield	Mr D C Rose
Mr A J Hinton	Mr J R A Sayers
Mr P J Holbrook	Mr R C Smith
Mr R E Kemp	Mr A J Ward
Miss D L Kendall	Mrs S M Wigglesworth

The following Members were unable to be present:

Mr C W Arthey, Mr N A Bennett, Mr M J Deacon, Mr B D Hurren, Ms J A Jenkins, Mr P Jones, Mr D H Keane, Mr N MacMaster, Mr M Newman, Mr C A Roberts, Mr R W Thake and Mr L H Young.

The proceedings were opened with a short prayer for those Members who had chosen to participate.

39 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on [5 September 2011](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

40 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

41 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events attended

The Chairman referred to [Paper L74](#) outlining recent events attended by him and the Vice-Chairman of the Council. He also welcomed to the meeting Mr Don Watson, Chairman of the Standards Committee.

42 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.13

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13, it was noted that the following petition had been received.

B/11/01022 – Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove Condition 5 attached to pp B/01/00828/OUT. Removal of restriction limiting occupation of the house to those employed at the adjoining site (currently the Bull Public House) The Old Orchard Bury Road Thorpe Morieux.

Petition signed by 20 residents of Babergh expressing support for the application.

The petition will be taken into account, in accordance with paragraph 1.9 of the Council's Petition Scheme, when the planning application is determined.

43 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Annual Treasury Management Report (Overview and Scrutiny (Stewardship) Committee 22 September 2011

Mr David Busby, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny (Stewardship) Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation, following its recent consideration of [Paper L70](#), which provided a comprehensive assessment of Treasury Management activity for the year.

As a result of the Committee's consideration, the Council was asked to note the Annual Treasury Management Report, this being a requirement of statutory guidance (the Treasury Management Code of Practice).

In his introduction, Councillor Busby made reference to the Council's monitoring processes which were in place, together with regular Member briefings, for treasury management matters. He and the Director of Finance then responded to questions on various matters relevant to Paper L70. Members were informed that the Revised Business Case scheduled for consideration during the next cycle of meetings will address the areas which require updating.

RESOLVED

That the Treasury Management activity for the year 2010/11, as detailed in Paper L70 be noted. Further that it be noted that performance was in line with the Prudential Indicators for 2010/11.

44 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

45 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

46 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11 AND AUDITOR'S GOVERNANCE REPORT

Mr David Busby, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny (Stewardship) Committee introduced the Statement of Accounts ([Paper L75](#)) which reflects the introduction of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in local government for the first time. Members noted that this had meant significant changes to the way the statutory accounts have to be presented and that the Council's auditor had confirmed that Babergh had fully complied with the new requirements. The Director of Finance and his staff were thanked for their hard work in meeting the new IFRS and Members noted that an unqualified report was expected from the auditors. A summary of key information from the Accounts will be available shortly on the Council's website.

The Director of Finance responded to Members' questions on various aspects, including the following:-

- The extent to which we are working with Mid Suffolk on common areas such as access to grant funding and areas of difference, such as management reporting
- Pension Fund
- The 'invest to save' costs of integration
- The benefits obtained from the leasing arrangements for installation of central heating

He also agreed to circulate further information outside the meeting in relation to Section 106 monies and provide a breakdown of income on certain items.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the auditor's comments in the Annual Governance Report included in Paper L75 be noted.**
- (2) That the audited Statement of Accounts 2010/11 (Paper L75) be approved.**
- (3) That the Director of Finance be authorised to make any minor amendments to the Statement of Accounts prior to publication.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.15 a.m.

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Chairman