

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2012

PRESENT: Mr N A Ridley – Chairman

Mrs J Antill	Mr R E Kemp
Mr C W Arthey	Mr J A B Long
Dr M F M Bamford	Mrs M O Munson
Mr S R Barrett	Mr M Newman
Mr A C Bavington	Mrs A M Norman
Mr P K Beer	Mr A F D W Osborne
Mr N A Bennett	Mr J M Owen
Mr P D Burgoyne	Mrs A K Pollard
Mr D M Busby	Mr B Riley
Mrs S Carpendale	Mr D C Rose
Mr J R B Cave	Mr J R A Sayers
Mrs K S Grandon	Mr R C Smith
Mr D G Grutchfield	Mr R W Thake
Mr P J Holbrook	Mr A J Ward
Ms J A Jenkins	Mrs S M Wigglesworth
Mr P Jones	Mr D L Wood
Mr D H Keane	

The following Members were unable to be present:- Mr M J Deacon, Mr A J Hinton, Mr B D Hurren, Miss D L Kendall, Mr F R Lawrenson, Mr N MacMaster, Mr J M Nunn, Mr C A Roberts and Mr L H Young.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr Andy Pickles, Chief Executive of U-Explore made a presentation advising that working in partnership with District Councils across Suffolk, U-Explore are proposing the introduction of their nationally recognised careers and employability platform as a significant step towards achieving the County's 'raising the bar' strategy.

43 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on [28 September 2012](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

44 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

45 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events Attended

The Chairman referred to [Paper M105](#) outlining recent events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Community Consultation Meetings

The Chairman referred to the Community Consultation Meetings to be held on 2 and 8 November and requested Members to attend where possible.

Christmas Get-Together

The Chairman advised that, in accordance with usual protocol, there would be a get-together with staff and Members on the day of the Council Meeting to be held on 18 December.

46 PETITIONS

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

(a) Application No. B/12/01223 – Highbury Barn Site, Great Cornard

An online petition signed by over 20 residents of the district objecting to the proposed demolition of the Highbury Barn Public House, Great Cornard. The petition will be taken into account when the application is determined.

(b) Application Nos. B/12/00891 and 00892 – East House, George Street, Hadleigh

Petition signed by almost 1,000 people objecting to the proposed development at East House, George Street, Hadleigh. The petition will be taken into account when the application is determined.

47 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(a) Babergh Core Strategy (2011-31; Submission Version): Proposed Submission for Inspection: Related Actions and Revised Plan Programme (Local Development Scheme (LDS)) (Strategy Committee 18 October 2012)

Ms Jennie Jenkins, Chairman of the Strategy Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendations.

RESOLVED

- (1) **That the Submission Draft Core Strategy (2011–2031) document (together with the main and minor modifications already agreed) be submitted for external examination (paper versions supplied previously); together with Statement of Consultation (Appendix A to [Paper M100](#)) and all other associated, supportive submission documents (including sustainability appraisal, evidence base, etc. – available on the website due to their volume). Further, that this is considered to be a ‘sound’ (fit for purpose) Plan.**

- (2) That (by way of clarification, and to avoid any possible ambiguity) it be confirmed that the town and village boundaries (built up area boundaries) from the 2006 Local Plan are to be retained (unaltered) for the purposes of new development policies in the Core Strategy. Further, it be noted that new Policy CS6 intentionally provides greater flexibility for appropriate development beyond these for identified (Core and Hinterland) Villages (subject to criteria) but this does not negate the overall role, purpose definition or clarity provided by those boundaries.
 - (3) That the supporting, revised timetable for progressing the Core Strategy towards adoption (in the form of the attached 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS) at Appendix B to Paper M100) be approved.
 - (4) That, notwithstanding resolution (1) above, it be recognised that it is possible that a Planning Inspector may potentially take a different view on soundness, and consequently, it be agreed that the Council would wish an Inspector to make any changes necessary to the Core Strategy in order to render the submitted Plan sound.
 - (5) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Manager – Spatial Planning Policy, to discuss, propose or agree in principle (in response to the Inspector) such changes as prove necessary on behalf of the Council during the progress of the examination hearing.
- (b) Interim Planning Performance Action Plan (Strategy Committee 18 October 2012)

Ms Jennie Jenkins, Chairman of the Strategy Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation.

RESOLVED

That the principle behind the proposed improvement plan outlined in Paper M104 be agreed. Further, that the actions identified be funded as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report and the monies allocated from Council reserves.

48 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

49 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

50 DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER FOR HADLEIGH

The Head of Communities submitted a report ([Paper M106](#)) outlining the case for making a Designated Public Place Order for an area covering Hadleigh: detailing the rationale behind the Order and the consultation that has been undertaken.

He explained that a Designated Public Place Order is an Order which defines an area within which the Police have some additional powers to stop people drinking in public places. It is not a ban on drinking in a public place, but the power would be exercised to combat anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder.

RESOLVED

That the area in Hadleigh referred to in Paper M106 be the subject of a Designated Public Place under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

The Monitoring Officer advised the Committee that a complaint under the Suffolk Code of Conduct had been received against Councillor Arthey and it was suggested, therefore, that the item to consider the temporary appointment of Parish Councillors to Kettlebaston Parish Council should be considered in Part II of the Agenda.

51 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

RESOLVED

That pursuant to Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during this item, it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against the item.

The Council was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

52 TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS TO KETTLEBASTON PARISH COUNCIL (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part I)

The Head of Corporate Organisation advised that following the resignation of three Parish Councillors, Kettlebaston Parish Council is in quorate and therefore unable to act. The District Council may make an Order under Section 91(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to appoint persons to fill the vacancies temporarily.

RESOLVED

That the Head of Corporate Organisation be authorised to make an Order appointing District Councillors Mrs J Antill, Mrs A M Norman and Mr A F D W Osborne temporarily to serve on Kettlebaston Parish Council under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Notes: 1. The meeting commenced at 10.05 a.m.
2. The meeting adjourned between 11.30 a.m. and 11.50 a.m. for refreshments.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 12.30 p.m.

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Chairman