

**NOTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF  
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS IN THE BOROUGH**

Held on Wednesday 1 December 2010 at the Council House, South Street, Atherstone.

Present: Councillor Hayfield, Leader of North Warwickshire Borough Council in the Chair.

Members and Officers from North Warwickshire Borough Council and representatives from the following Town/Parish Councils:

Ansley, Atherstone, Baddesley Ensor, Baxterley, Curdworth, Fillongley, Hartshill, Hurley, Kingsbury, Lea Marston, Newton Regis, Seckington and No Mans Heath, Mancetter, Polesworth and Shustoke.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fox, Gordon, Sherratt, Wykes and Zgraja, Roger Chamberlain (Baddesley Ensor PC) and Nether Whitacre PC.

**1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 December 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2009 were received and noted.

**2 Matters Arising**

Steve Maxey provided an update on a number of issues referred to in the minutes.

**3 New Government Changes**

Steve Maxey reported on a number of the changes and initiatives being introduced by the new Government following the General Election in May 2010. These included the abolishment of the Regional Spatial Strategy, introduction of the Localism Bill and changes to the Standards regime.

**4 Developing Houses in Rural Areas**

Angela Coates reported on the challenges facing North Warwickshire and there was general discussion on the provision of housing in a rural area.

**5 Parish and Town Council Elections – 5 May 2011**

David Harris highlighted some of the key dates and events in the run up to the Parish and Town Council elections in May 2011. He also circulated a paper setting out the approximate costs of holding those elections.

## **6 New Recycling Arrangements**

Bernard Woodhall reported on the background to the new recycling arrangements. As requested by residents plastics and cardboard had been added to the range of recycling and despite initial problems of high winds during the early weeks collection rates had increased significantly. Further talks were being held with the Contractor in respect of the recycling bags being blown away. Bernard offered to attend Parish and Town Council meetings to discuss the new arrangements and recycling generally.

Feedback at the Dickens Night on the new arrangements was very encouraging but it was acknowledged effort was needed to educate residents who did not recycle at all.

## **7 High Speed 2 (HS2)**

Steve Maxey reported that representatives from HS2 were due to make a presentation to the Borough Council and Parishes affected by the proposed route on Tuesday 14 December 2010. The Borough Council was due to consider the matter at its Full Council meeting on Wednesday 15 December 2010.

## **8 ICT Bids under LEADER and the Access Strategy**

Representatives were informed of a scheme being led by Bob Trahern, the Borough Council's Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services), seeking to bring ICT into village halls. Anyone interested in the project should contact [bobtrahern@northwarks.gov.uk](mailto:bobtrahern@northwarks.gov.uk)

## **9 Any Other Business**

Representatives from Town and Parish Councils present were invited to raise issues pertaining to their Council.

The meeting closed at 8.30 am.