

AGENDA

and

MINUTES of BOARDS and COMMITTEES

**to be considered
at the MEETING of the Council
to be held at**

**THE COUNCIL HOUSE
ATHERSTONE**

on

27 April 2011

at

6.30pm

North Warwickshire Borough Council

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Our ref : DH/JB C7

Date : 19 April 2011

To: All Members of the Council

Dear Sir / Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, the Council House, South Street, Atherstone, on Wednesday 27 April 2011 at 6.30pm. Councillor Derek Gordon will lead the Council in Prayer.

After prayer, the following business will be transacted:

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.
- 2 Apologies for absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 3 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Lea, May, B Moss, Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher (Polesworth) Davis (Atherstone), Freer (Atherstone), Fox (Shustoke), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth), M Stanley (Polesworth), Y Stanley (Polesworth) and Zgraja (Over Whitacre) all of which interests are deemed to be declared at this meeting.
- 4 The Mayor to move, in accordance with Standing Order No 6(1):

“That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 February 2011 be approved as a correct record”.
- 5 To receive the Mayor’s announcements. In addition the Mayor will propose the following:

"That on behalf of the residents of the Borough, the Members of North Warwickshire Borough Council send their warmest congratulations to HRH Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage and requests that the Mayor writes to Clarence House, expressing our best wishes to the happy couple."

- 6 To answer Questions from Members and the Public pursuant to Standing Order No. 7.
- 7 To receive and consider minutes and recommendations of the following Boards circulated herewith and to make the necessary Orders thereon:
 - a **Planning and Development Board** 14 March, 23 March, and 11 April 2011 (Pages 264 - 277)
 - b **Community and Environment Board** 21 March 2011 (Pages 278 – 282)
 - c **Resources Board** 28 March 2011– (Pages 283 - 288)
 - d **Area Forum West** 5 April 2011 – (Pages 289 – 292)
 - e **Area Forum North** 7 April 2011 – (Pages 293 - 297)
 - f **Area Forum East** 14 April 2011 – To follow
 - g **Area Forum South** 19 April 2011 – To follow
- 8 To receive and consider any Notice of Motion under with Standing Order No. 10.
- 9 To authorise the Chief Executive, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution, to Sign and Seal, on behalf of the Council, any Orders, Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to any resolution of the Council.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2011**

Present: Councillor Johnston in the Chair.

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, Davis, Forwood, Fowler, Freer, Gordon, Hayfield, Lea, Lewis, May, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smitten, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Swann, Sweet, Welby, Winter and Wykes.

Mr Stan Orton, Chairman of the Standards Committee, was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Fox, Jenkins, Phillips, Smith and Zgraja

Before the commencement of business, the Reverend Ian Kennedy, Priest in Charge, St Nicholas's Church, Corley and Fillongley Parish Churches, led the Council in Prayer.

35 Declarations of Interest

Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Hayfield, Lea, May, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher (Polesworth), Davis (Atherstone), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth), M Stanley (Polesworth) and Y Stanley (Polesworth) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

36 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

37 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that

- the Annual Dinner Dance was to be held on Friday 4 March 2011;
- a Ladies Luncheon was to be held at Abbey Farm on Wednesday 23 March 2011; and
- the Charity Golf day was to be held at the Belfry on Friday 14 April 2011.

38 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

39 **Minutes of Boards/Committees**

a) Resources Board – 10 January and 1 February 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Bowden, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of Resources Board held on 10 January and 1 February 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

b) Area Forum (East) – 11 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Freer and

Resolved:

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Pickard in the list of those present, the minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum (East) held on 11 January 2011 be approved and adopted.

c) Area Forum (North) – 13 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 13 January 2011 be approved and adopted.

d) Planning and Development Board – 17 January and 14 February 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 17 January and 14 February 2011, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

e) Area Forum (South) – 20 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Gordon and

Resolved:

That, subject to the deletion of Councillor Fox from the list of apologies for absence, the minutes of the meeting of Area

Forum (South) held on 20 January 2011 be approved and adopted.

f) Community and Environment Board – 24 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 24 January 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

g) Area Forum (West) – 27 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Swann and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (West) held on 27 January 2011, be approved and adopted.

h) Licensing Committee – 31 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Lewis and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 31 January 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

i) Executive Board – 7 February 2011

i) Minute No 60 – General Fund Revenue Estimates 2011 – 2012 and Setting the Council Tax 2011 – 2012

Councillor Hayfield in introducing the minutes proposed the following alteration to the budget resolution as printed in the Executive Board minutes pursuant to Standing Order No 14(3)

“That the £50k of planned growth identified be used instead to reduce the Council Tax from the 0% proposed to a figure of -1%.”

The alteration was seconded by Councillor Simpson.

It was then proposed by Councillor Sweet and seconded by Councillor Winter by way of amendment

“That the estimates for Members’ allowances are reduced by £10,000 to be achieved by a review of the current Members Allowances Scheme and

that the savings accrued be spent on an increased level of member training particularly in regard to induction, planning and Overview and Scrutiny.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be lost. Councillor Hayfield did however agree to refer to the relevant Service Boards the issues raised in respect of Members allowances and expenditure, HS2, industrial premises and neighbourhood wardens.

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and

Resolved:

“That Minute No 60 be altered by the substitution of the original recommendation by the recommendation set out in Appendix 1 hereto.”

It was then proposed by Councillor Hayfield, seconded by Councillor May and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 7 February 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended at i) above, be approved and adopted.

j) Scrutiny Board – 15 February 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Swann and seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 15 February 2011, be approved and adopted.

40 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order No. 10

There were no Notices of Motion received under Standing Order No. 10.

41 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any document as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

Chairman of the next ensuing meeting of the Council

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

14 March 2011

Present: Councillor Simpson the Chair.

Councillors Bowden, Davis, L Dirveiks, Lea, Morson, B Moss, Sherratt, Swann, Sweet, Winter and Wykes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jenkins and M Stanley.

Councillors Lewis and Phillips were also in attendance.

80 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Lea, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Davis (Atherstone), B Moss (Kingsbury) and Sherratt (Coleshill) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

Councillor Sherratt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No 82 Planning Applications (Application No 2010/0375 - Rear Garden of 124 Coventry Road Coleshill) left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor L Dirveiks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No 87 Breaches of Planning Control (Site at Charity Farm, Baxterley) left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

81 **Minutes**

Subject to the amendment of the second line of Minute No 60a to read Kingsbury Hall, Coventry Road, Kingsbury, the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 17 January and 14 February 2011, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82 **Planning Applications**

The Head of Development Control submitted a report for the consideration of the Board. Details of correspondence received since the publication of the agenda is attached as a schedule to these minutes.

Resolved:

- a That Application No 2011/0003 (Garage Site at George Road, Water Orton) be approved subject to the variation of condition 13 to read
- “13. Parking bays C1 and C2 shall be clearly labelled for the use of numbers 62 and 64 George Road only, within three months of the date of this permission. When the historical rights for the occupiers of numbers 62 and 64 George Road cease, the spaces shall be re-labelled to provide 3 parking bays for cars, and the 1.8m high close boarded timber fence immediately to the east of these bays removed.”**
- b That consideration of Application No 2009/0420 (Almshouses, Church Lane, Middleton) be deferred;
- c That consideration of Application No 2010/0315 (108 Long Street, Atherstone) be deferred;
- d That Application No 2010/0375 (Rear Garden of 124 Coventry Road Coleshill) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control;
- e That consideration of Applications No 2010/0462 and 2011/0014 (Beech House, 19 Market Street, Atherstone) be deferred to enable discussion with English Heritage and to enable the Board to inspect the interior of the building;
- f That in respect of Application No 2010/0584 (The Club Spice 45 Ltd, Club Spice A45, Birmingham Road, Meriden) if it is confirmed that the unauthorised use of these premises as a private members club has ceased, then it would not be expedient to issue an Enforcement Notice, but that the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to issue such a Notice requiring the cessation of the use of these premises as a private members club for the reasons outlined in the report, with a compliance period of three months, should such a use re-commence;
- g That consideration of Application No 2010/0592 (The Sportsmans Arms, Perryman Drive, Piccadilly) be deferred; and
- h That providing the applicant first enters into a Section 106 Agreement in respect of the obligations set out in the report of the Head of Development Control,

Application No 2010/0609 (3M (UK) Plc, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone) be approved subject to the conditions set out in the said report.

83 Tree Preservation Orders

The Head of Development Control reported that two Tree Preservation Orders had recently been made and the period for representations had passed. Having considered the representations received, the Board was invited to confirm the Orders.

Resolved:

- a That the Tree Preservation Order relating to an oak tree at 8 Shawbury Village be confirmed; and**
- b The Tree Preservation Order relating to five oak trees at Nuthurst Crescent in Ansley, be confirmed.**

84 Section 106 Monitoring Report

The Head of Development Control provided the six monthly review of outstanding Section 106 Agreements.

Resolved:

- a That the report be noted; and**
- b That in respect of the Atherstone Magistrate's Court site the Landscape Officer be asked to arrange an early meeting with the Local Ward Members to bring this matter forward.**

85 Re-development Proposals for the MIRA Technology Park

The Head of Development Control outlined the proposals that were being put together for the redevelopment proposals of the MIRA premises at Higham-on-the-Hill in the Borough of Hinckley and Bosworth. The Board was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

That responsibility remains with North Warwickshire for determining the planning application in respect of the A5 access arrangements to the site.

86 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Act.

87 Breaches of Planning Control

The Head of Development Control reported on a number of alleged breaches of planning control and the Board was asked to agree suggested courses of action.

Resolved:

- a That in respect of Heart of England Ltd, Fillongley**
 - i The position as set out in the letters of 7 January 2010 and 21 February 2011 be treated as material considerations;**
 - ii Counsel's Opinion be sought on the success of Injunctive proceedings being commenced under Section 187(B) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, as outlined in this report;**
 - iii The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to issue an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the 1990 Act as amended, requiring the second field gate access to be reinstated to the same dimensions, and to the same position prior to the current unauthorised works taking place;**
 - iv The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to issue an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the 1990 Act as amended, requiring the removal of the tower superstructure around the pump equipment on the island in the lake; and**
 - v The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to issue an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the 1990 Act as amended, requiring the removal of the hard surfaced track running from the second field gate access to and alongside the woodland.**
- b That in respect of Lynwyn, Botts Green Lane, Over Whitacre, should the building be altered in accordance with the plan submitted on 28 February 2011, it would not be expedient to commence enforcement proceedings;**

- c That in respect of land at Stipers Hill Farm, Kisses Barn Lane, Warton, the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to issue an Enforcement Notice relating to the change of use of the land for the storage of non-agricultural vehicles including: public service vehicles; heavy goods vehicles; caravans/mobile homes; scrap cars/car parts; containers; and boats; together with the formation of a hardstanding area. The enforcement notice to require the removal of the aforesaid and the proper reinstatement of the land; and**

- d That in respect of the site at Charity Farm, Main Road, Baxterley, the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to issue an Enforcement Notice relating to the erection of a steel framed and clad, aircraft and historic vehicle storage building. The owner/occupier being required to demolish and/or remove the structure from the site and also to reinstate the land by digging up and removing the hardcore foundation for the building and that the compliance period be six months.**

M Simpson
Chairman

**Planning and Development Board
14 March 2011
Additional Background Papers**

Agenda Item	Application Number	Author	Nature	Date
5/2	2009/0420	Mr & Mrs Elliott	Objection	11/3/11
5/4	2010/0375	Mr Barry	Objection	14/3/11
5/7	2010/0592	English Heritage Petition	Letter Objection	14/3/11 2/3/11
6	N/A	Letter	Objection	10/3/11

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

23 March 2011

Present: Councillor Simpson the Chair.

Councillors Bowden, Davis, L Dirveiks, Lea, Morson, B Moss, Sherratt, M Stanley, Sweet, Winter and Wykes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowden, Jenkins, M Stanley and Swann.

Councillors Hayfield, Lewis, Phillips and Smith were also in attendance.

88 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Lea and Sweet and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Davis (Atherstone), Sherratt (Coleshill) and M Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

89 **Planning Application**

The Head of Development Control submitted a further report in respect of Application No 2010/0592 (The Sportsmans Arms, Perryman Drive, Piccadilly). Details of correspondence received since the publication of the agenda is attached as a schedule to these minutes.

Resolved:

That provided the Applicant first enters in to a Section 106 Agreement based on the outline identified in the report of the Head of Development Control, planning permission be granted subject to the amendment of condition iii) as set out below and to the other conditions contained in the recommendation in Appendix A of the said report

“iii) No house shall be occupied until a scheme for the provision of affordable housing has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The affordable housing shall be provided in accordance with the approved scheme and shall meet the definition of affordable housing in Annex B of PPS3 (June 2010) or any future guidance that replaces it. The scheme shall include:

- a) The arrangements to ensure that such provision is affordable for both first and subsequent occupiers of the affordable housing in perpetuity;**
- b) The occupancy criteria to be used for determining the identity of occupiers of the affordable housing and the means by which such occupancy criteria shall be enforced; and**
- c) Continued sole control of the scheme by a Registered Social Landlord.”**

M Simpson
Chairman

**Planning and Development Board
23 March 2011
Additional Background Papers**

Agenda Item	Application Number	Author	Nature	Date
4	2010/0592	Timothy Jones	Counsel's Opinion	21/3/11
4	2010/0592	Councillor Johnston	Observations	22/3/11
4	2010/0592	Councillor Swann	Observations	22/3/11

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

11 April 2011

Present: Councillor Simpson the Chair.

Councillors Davis, L Dirveiks, Lea, Morson, Sherratt, M Stanley, Swann, Sweet, Winter and Wykes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowden, B Moss and Jenkins.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

Before the commencement of the meeting, Councillors Simpson and Sweet thanked Members and Officers for their support and contribution to the work of the Board over the last four years.

90 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Lea and Sweet and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Davis (Atherstone), Sherratt (Coleshill) and M Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

Councillor Sweet declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Minute No 97 (Tree Preservation Order, Baddesley Ensor) and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

91 **Planning Applications**

The Head of Development Control submitted a report for the consideration of the Board. Details of correspondence received since the publication of the agenda is attached as a schedule to these minutes.

Resolved:

- a **That, provided the applicant first enters into a Section 106 Agreement as varied to allow the provision and first occupation of 4 affordable dwellings within 2 years (failing which 6 affordable dwellings are to be provided) alongside the unchanged contribution towards open space, Application No 2008/0369 (151 Plank Lane, Water Orton) be approved subject to conditions outlined in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Development Control;**
- b **That consideration of Application No 2009/0420 (Almshouses, Church Lane, Middleton) be deferred for further consultation with the applicant;**

- c That consideration of Application No 2010/0058 (Grimscote Manor, Lichfield Road, Coleshill) be deferred for a site visit;
- d That Application No 2010/0172 (Bridge House, Coleshill Road, Atherstone) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control; and
- e That Application No 2011/0096 (Land to the rear of 3 Silverbirch Close, Hartshill) be approved subject to the conditions specified in the report of the Head of Development Control.

92 Tree Works to the Rear of 19 Welcome Street, Atherstone

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) reported on the proposed felling of a tree located within the Atherstone Conservation Area to the rear of 19 Welcome Street, Atherstone and the Board was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

- a That the proposed felling works to be undertaken at the rear of 19 Welcome Street, Atherstone, as detailed in the report and at Appendix A, be noted; and
- b That the matter be referred to the Community and Environment Board for further consideration with a request that a replacement tree or trees be planted elsewhere in the Borough.

93 Consultation Responses - Interim Planning Policy Statement, Design Briefs & Affordable Housing Addendum to SPD

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the outcome of the consultation on a number of documents – Interim Planning Policy Statement; Design Briefs for Holly Lane & Britannia Mill; and, Affordable Housing Addendum. The Board was asked to agree a suggested course of action.

Resolved:

- a That the Interim Planning Policy Statement be agreed and adopted by the Executive Board;
- b That the Design Briefs be agreed and adopted; and
- c That the Affordable Housing Addendum be agreed and adopted.

Recommendation to Executive Board

- d That the Interim Planning Policy Statement be agreed and adopted.**

94 Tree Preservation Order Land adjacent to Plank Lane, Water Orton

Having considered the representations received, the Board was invited to consider whether or not to confirm the Tree Preservation Order on land adjacent to Plank Lane, Water Orton.

Resolved:

That the Tree Preservation Order made in respect of 35 individual trees, 5 groups of trees and 2 areas of trees at Plank Lane, Water Orton be confirmed without modification.

95 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Act.

96 Breaches of Planning Control

The Head of Development Control reported on a number of alleged breaches of planning control and the Board was asked to agree suggested courses of action.

Resolved:

- a That in respect of Unit 2a, Arley Industrial Estate, Arley the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to issue an Enforcement Notice requiring the cessation of caravan sales from this unit for the reasons given in the report of Head of Development Control and that the compliance period be three months; and**
- b That in the cases of Fillongley Garage, Tamworth Road, Fillongley; The Old Manor House, Old House Lane, Corley; 18 Stoneleigh Close, Hartshill and Lot 1, Burrow Hill Farm, Burrow Hill Lane, Corley, the Council does not consider it expedient to issue enforcement notices against the breaches of planning control. That the Head of Development Control be asked to write to each offender and landowner involved explaining the correct procedures for submitting a planning application and gaining**

planning permission prior to commencing any development work in the future.

97 Tree Preservation Order, Baddesley Ensor

The Board was invited to consider the making of a Tree Preservation Order in respect of a number of mature trees in the garden of The Vicarage, Newlands Road, Baddesley Ensor.

Resolved:

That a Tree Preservation Order be made with immediate effect, in respect of 32 individual trees and 1 group of trees which are located within the grounds of The Vicarage, Newlands Road, Baddesley Ensor for the reasons given in the report of the Head of Development Control, and that any representations received be referred to the Board for it to consider when it decides whether to make the Order permanent.

M Simpson
Chairman

**Planning and Development Board
11 April 2011
Additional Background Papers**

Agenda Item	Application Number	Author	Nature	Date
4/2	2009/0420	G Bancroft	Representation	29/3/11
		P Lawson	Representation	27/3/11
		A Harris	Representation	1/4/11
		D Williets	Representation	31/3/11
		Applicant	E-mail	7/4/11
4/3	2010/0058	Applicant's Solicitor	Representation	1/4/11

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

21 March 2011

Present: Councillor May in the Chair

Councillors L Dirveiks, Fox, Freer, Gordon, Lewis, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Smitten, Y Stanley and Wykes.

48 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fox and May and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Fox (Shustoke), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth) and Y Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

49 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2011, copies having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

50 **Local Nature Reserves Project**

Members were informed of progress being made with respect to the Local Nature Reserves project.

Resolved:

That the progress made in respect of the Local Nature Reserves Project, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) be noted and approved.

51 **Allotments Development Programme**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) reported on progress in respect of the implementation of the Allotments Development Programme and sought Members' approval of an approach proposed in respect of future projects.

Resolved:

- a **That progress in respect of the Allotment Development Programme, as set out in the report of the Assistant**

Director (Leisure and Community Development) and detailed in Appendix A, be noted and approved;

- b That the proposal to prioritise future support towards the development of allotments in the Kingsbury area be approved; and**
- c That the proposal to work in partnership with the North Warwickshire Allotment Federation to assist local communities in Atherstone to bring underused land back into productive use be approved.**

52 Tree Management

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) sought approval of the adoption of a formal procedure for consultation in respect of tree works and also detailed progress with regard to the Authority's tree management programme since the autumn of 2009.

Resolved:

- a That the proposed consultation procedure in respect of future arboricultural works, as set out in the addendum to the Tree Management Briefing Note at Appendix C of the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved; and**
- b That progress made in respect of the implementation of the tree management programme, be noted.**

53 North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Progress Report

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed the Board of progress in respect of delivery against the priorities set out in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy and presented the supporting Action Plan for Year 4 of the Strategy for approval.

Members were also informed of the proposed Tame Valley Wetlands Landscape Partnership Scheme.

Resolved:

- a That progress in respect of the implementation of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Action Plan be noted; and**
- b That the activities proposed for future development within the Action Plan and the use of earmarked reserves to support those activities, as set out in the**

report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved.

54 Provision and Management of an Artificial Grass Pitch at Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College, Atherstone.

Members were informed of a proposal for the Borough Council to enter into negotiations with relevant parties to undertake the management of community use of a proposed artificial grass pitch at Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College in Atherstone.

Resolved:

- a That the principle of the Borough Council's involvement in the management and operation of community use of the proposed artificial grass pitch at Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College, Atherstone, strictly on terms that do not adversely affect the revenue position of the Authority, be approved; and**
- b That officers be authorised to continue negotiations with relevant parties at the School to ensure that community use of the new facility is maximised and that the outcome of these negotiations be reported back to the next meeting of the Board.**

55 North Warwickshire Play Strategy

Members were informed of the progress being made in the delivery of the North Warwickshire Play Strategy, which exists to provide a co-ordinated approach to play provision and development throughout the Borough.

Resolved:

That the progress being made in respect of the delivery of relevant actions identified in the North Warwickshire Play Strategy, be noted.

56 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – December 2010.

Members were informed of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for April to December 2010.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

57 **Minutes of the Joint Environment and Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Groups held on 7 March 2011**

Minutes of the Joint Environment and Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Groups held on 7 March 2011 were received and noted.

58 **Warwickshire Waste Partnership Business Plan 2011/12**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's endorsement of the content of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Business Plan for 2011/12.

Resolved:

That the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Business Plan 2011/12 be endorsed and noted.

59 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

60 **Recycling Officer – Temporary Post**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's agreement to establish a temporary post of Recycling Officer.

Recommendation to the Resources Board

That the Council agrees to establish a temporary post of Recycling Officer for the financial year April 2011 to March 2012.

61 **Revision of Fees and Charges for the Cesspool Emptying and Trade Refuse Services**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's agreement to revise charges for the Cesspool Emptying Service and Trade Refuse Service for 2011/12.

Resolved:

- a **That the charge for Cesspool emptying be revised to take into account the increase for disposal charges; and**

- b That the effect of changes in VAT rules on Trade Refuse Service charges be noted and that the charges be revised by adopting option B as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape).**

M May
Chairman

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES BOARD

28 March 2011

Present: Councillor Smith in the Chair

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Fowler, Fox, Johnston, Moore, Payne, Y Stanley and Winter.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lea and Smitten.

Councillor Phillips was also in attendance.

104 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler and Fox, and membership of various Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher and Y Stanley (Polesworth), Fox (Shustoke) and Moore (Baddesley Ensor) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

105 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 1 February 2011, copies having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

106 **Housing Self Financing**

The Deputy Chief Executive informed Members of the proposals for the reform of council housing finance issued by the Communities and Local Government (CLG) and highlighted changes from the original proposals and implications for the Council.

Resolved:

- a That the proposals be noted;**
- b That the CLG be informed of any potential demolitions;
and**
- c That representations be made to CIPFA and CLG about
the potential impact on the General Fund.**

107 Potential Change of Refuse Collection Service Depot

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's agreement, in principle, to relocate the Refuse Collection and Garden Waste Collection services to the Lower House Farm Household Waste Recycling Centre and Transfer Station when the facility opened in 2013.

Resolved:

- a That the Board agree, in principle, to the future relocation of the Refuse Collection and Garden Waste Collection Services to Lower House Farm, Lower House Lane, Baddesley Ensor; and**
- b That a further report be brought back to the Resources Board following completion of Warwickshire County Council's tender process.**

108 ICT Strategy Action Plan for 2011/2012

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) presented the ICT Strategy Action Plan for 2011/2012 which supported the delivery of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Strategy 2009-2012.

Resolved:

That the ICT Strategy Action Plan for 2011/2012 provided as Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Corporate Services) be approved.

109 Procurement and Commissioning Strategy Action Plan 2011-2012

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) presented the Procurement and Commissioning Strategy Action Plan 2011-2012 to Members for their approval.

Resolved:

That the Procurement and Commissioning Strategy Action Plan 2011-2012, provided as Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director (Corporate Services), be approved.

110 Internal Audit – Plan of Work for 2011 - 2012

The Deputy Chief Executive explained the basis upon which the Audit Plan for 2011/12 had been developed, using a variety of sources of information to ensure that all appropriate aspects of service activity were embraced as part of the approved three-year review programme.

Resolved:

That the Audit Plan for 2011 – 2012 be approved.

111 Revised Service Standards for Housing Management and Maintenance

The Assistant Director (Housing) presented the revised service standards for the Council's landlord service to the Board for consideration.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

112 Procurement Performance Indicators 2010/11

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) updated Members on the performance indicators being used by the Council's Corporate Procurement function.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

113 Tenant Services Authority – Statutory Consultation on Use of Powers

The Assistant Director (Housing) set out the proposals of the Tenant Services Authority on how they would use four specific enforcement powers in their recent consultation paper.

Resolved:

That the proposals set out in the consultation paper and the proposed response at Section 4.9 of the report of the Assistant Director (Housing) be noted.

114 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

115 Facilities Management Section

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) suggested changes to the structure of the Facilities Management Section following the retirement of the Assistant Facilities Manager at the end of March 2011.

Resolved:

- a That the Assistant Facilities Manager post be deleted from the establishment upon the retirement of the current post holder;**
- b That the Facilities Management Officer will become responsible for the duties currently carried out by the Assistant Facilities Manager and the post re-evaluated;**
- c That the Premises Officer post be split into two posts. The current post holder be flexibly retired into one post and the other post advertised; and**
- d That a potential saving of at least £25,290, achieved from the proposed restructure be agreed.**

116 Irrecoverable Housing and Local Taxation Debts

The Assistant Chief Executive (Community Services) detailed the amounts recommended for write-off, in accordance with the write-off policy agreed by the former Finance Sub-Committee in September 2000.

Resolved:

- a That the write-off of 1 balances over £1,250 totalling £1,453.26 in respect of unpaid Council Tax be approved;**
- b That the write-off of 10 balances over £1,250 totalling £79,935.23 in respect of unpaid Non Domestic Rates be approved;**
- c That the write-off of 4 balances over £1,250 totalling £7,788.05 in respect of unpaid Housing Rent be approved;**
- d That the write-off under delegated powers of 11 balances under £1,250 totalling £3,359.78 in respect of unpaid Council Tax be noted;**
- e That the write-off under delegated powers of 6 balances under £1,250 totalling £1,719.27 in respect of unpaid Non Domestic Rates be noted;**
- f That the write-off under delegated powers of 20 balances under £1,250 totalling £5,613.55 in respect of unpaid Housing Rent be noted;**
- g That the write-back under delegated powers of 6 balances totalling £2,780.41 in respect of Council Tax be noted; and**

- h That the write back under delegated powers of 1 balance totalling £1,441.62 in respect of Non Domestic rates be noted.**

117 Funding for Affordable Housing – 2011-2015

The Assistant Director (Housing) provided the Board with information about the launch of the Government's new Affordable Homes Programme Framework and set out the implications for North Warwickshire.

Resolved:

- a That the Council participate in the Affordable Homes Programme 2011-2015;**
- b That the Housing Division continue discussions with the Council's preferred partners Waterloo Housing Group, Jephson Housing Association and Warwickshire Rural Housing Association in order to participate in the programme; and**
- c That the Council continue the practice of selling land to private social provider partners to develop affordable housing at less than market value as appropriate.**

118 Housing Register Officer Post

The Assistant Director (Housing) requested the Board make the post of Housing Register Officer permanent following a review of the demands on the Council's housing options and allocations service.

Resolved:

That the post of Housing Register Officer be made permanent and a growth bid for the ongoing costs agreed.

119 Recycling Officer – Temporary Post

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's agreement to establish a temporary post of Recycling Officer.

Resolved:

That the proposal to establish a temporary post of Recycling Officer for the financial year April 2011 to March 2012 be agreed.

120 Request to Use Rowland Court Communal Room as a Pharmacy

The Assistant Director (Housing) asked the Board to consider a request from the General Practitioner Surgery at New Arley to transfer their pharmacy to Rowland Court Communal Room when the new medical centre at Rectory Road was in place.

Resolved:

That, subject to planning permission being granted, the proposal to use part of Rowland Court Communal Room as a pharmacy be agreed.

L Smith
Chairman

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM WEST

5 April 2011

The Area Forum West met at Water Orton Primary School, Attleboro Lane,
Water Orton, at 6.30pm.

- Present:** Borough Councillor Payne in the Chair
Borough Councillors Lewis, M Moss, Phillips and Swann.
County and Borough Councillor B Moss.
- In attendance:** Angela Coates, Jenny Price and Robert Beggs -North
Warwickshire Borough Council
Alistair Rigby – Warwickshire County Council
PC Nina Boden, and PCSO's Tim Staten, Caroline
McMurchie and Gavin Scott - Warwickshire Police
Ian Thomas and Julia Rawlins – PCA
Carol Fox – Warwickshire Police Authority
Alan Vaughton – Curdworth Parish Council
C Ayasamy, Andy Jenns, Margaret Evans, Jenny Deebank
and Katie Trow – Residents
Steve Turner – Wood End Community Association
Tony Hardman – NW Neighbourhood Watch
Jenny Pearson – Hurley Community Association
Rachel Robinson – NHS Warwickshire Public Health
Chris Chown – Water Orton Parish Council
John Wadsworth Kingsbury Resident
- Apologies:** County and Borough Councillor Lea
Borough Councillor Simpson.
P Ross and A Rimmer – Curdworth Parish Council
Bob Perks – Warwickshire County Council
Sue Turner – Wood End Community Association
Anne Garner – NHS
Lea Marston Parish Council.

1. Declaration

Councillor Payne declared an interest in Minute No. 9 Area Forum Funds by reason of being a member of Water Orton and District Tennis Club and vacated the Chair for this item.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011 were agreed as true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Matters Arising**

Signage

New signage installed at Kingsbury Road and junction of Wishaw Lane, Curdworth, showing industrial estates and village centre.

Survey of weight limit signage around parts of Nether Whitacre were found to be non standard and un-enforceable. Signage will be brought up to standard.

NHS Warwickshire

Ann Garner has left Primary Care Trust to join South Warwickshire Foundation Trust and therefore no longer the health representative for Area Forum West. No replacement as yet.

EMR Site, Kingsbury

Two visits by the Fire and Rescue Service. One under the terms of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The inspecting officer was satisfied that the premises adhered to the terms of the Act. The second was a familiarisation inspection undertaken by local fire crews to update their knowledge of the processes and risks associated with the site.

Health and safety concerns were raised relating to a double line of containers backed up with scrap being used as a barrier. It was agreed that contact should be made with Health and Safety inspectors.

4 **Safer Neighbourhoods**

PC Nina Boden, Warwickshire Police, together with Robert Beggs, North Warwickshire Borough Council presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken on the three PACT priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting. A copy of the summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2010/11 summary was highlighted.

A general discussion then followed about the next set of priorities to take forward for this round.

It was decided that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum West were:-

- ASB and crime problems Water Orton – Attleboro Lane / Vicarage Lane and the village green area including the use of an access route of the footway bridge into Castle Bromwich and Chelmsley Wood.
- ASB – Wood End club car park
- ASB– Kingsbury including nuisance vehicles at Pear Tree Avenue car park and asb at the recreation ground and St Peters Place.

5 **Police Authority Update**

Carol Fox, Police Authority representative, updated the meeting on the changes taking place within the Police service. These were:

- Strategic Alliance with West Mercia Police ongoing – to report back at next meeting.
- Atherstone Police Station to move to Old Bank House. Front desk service now operational at the One Stop Shop in Atherstone.
- No decision yet on relocation of Coleshill Police Station.
- Police appointment system in place.

6 **Public Questions and Parish Issues**

None were raised at the meeting.

7 **Health and Well-being in North Warwickshire**

Rachel Robinson, NHS Warwickshire Public Health, presented a case history as background to a presentation highlighting the key health issues for North Warwickshire. These were:- high level of alcohol related hospital admissions; high level of obese children in reception classes; and high level of families in fuel poverty.

8 **HS2 Update**

The Chair highlighted the maps and consultation information displayed prior to the meeting. Dorothy Barratt (NWBC) was present to take any questions.

9 **Area Forum Funds**

Councillor Swann took the Chair for this item.

Three eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund were considered.

Resolved:

- a That Hurley Community Association be awarded the sum of £957 towards the project highlighted in the report;**
- b That Hurley Kings Football Club be awarded the sum of £1,210 towards the project highlighted in the report; and**
- c That Water Orton and District Tennis Club be awarded the sum of £2,955 towards the project highlighted in the report.**

10 **Future Agenda Items**

- Changes in the planning system.

11 **Any Other Business**

The libraries consultation programme was highlighted.

Concerns about the loss of the 777 bus service from Wood End to Atherstone were raised.

12 **Date of the Next Meeting**

Thursday 28 July 2011 – venue to be confirmed.

Chairman

MINUTES OF THE AREA FORUM NORTH

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2011

The Area Forum North met at Birchwood Primary School, Birchwood Avenue, Dordon at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Sweet in the Chair.
Borough Councillors Butcher, Moore, Morson, M Stanley, Y Stanley and Winter.

In Attendance: Simon Powell, Robert Beggs and Amanda Tonks – North Warwickshire Borough Council
Jo Roberts and Martin Gibbins – Warwickshire County Council
Carol Fox – Warwickshire Police Authority
PC Painter and PCSO Hodson – Warwickshire Police
Rachel Robinson and Tim Berry – NHS Warwickshire
D Hanratty and S Hanratty – Dordon Parish Council
G Taylor - Baxterley and Baddesley Parish Councils
L Ferguson and A Arnold – Baddesley Parish Council
Louise Hargreaves – WCC Youth Service
Jean Ball – Polesworth Parish Council
Stan Orton – Austrey Resident
Carol Cotterill – Shuttington Resident
Julie Newell and Alan Newell – Birchmoor Residents
Wendy Daisley – NWCG

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors May and Smitten and Jim Onions (WCC).

2 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Forum held on 13 January 2011**

Subject to the addition of Stan Orton (Austrey Resident) to the list of apologies the minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum North, held on 13 January 2011, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4 **Safer Neighbourhoods**

PC Paul Painter, Warwickshire Police, presented a summary of the progress and actions that had been undertaken to address the two priorities nominated by the Forum at its last meeting (Nuisance Motorcycles – Baddesley Ensor and Baxterley and Violent Crime – Polesworth/Dordon. A copy of the

summary detailing these actions can be viewed on the Council's website www.northwarks.gov.uk via the link for meetings and minutes.

An overview of the changes taking place within Warwickshire Police and how these related to the work of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team was also provided.

Robert Beggs highlighted the key priorities identified from the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2010/11. Copies of the Assessment were circulated at the Forum meeting.

It was then agreed that the priorities to be taken forward from Area Forum North were:

- Nuisance Vehicles Baddesley Ensor (Recreation Ground);
- Anti-Social Behaviour within a quarter of a mile of Browns Lane, Dordon; and
- Anti-Social Behaviour Polesworth (Nethersole Street/High Street/Station Road).

At this point, Councillors Sweet and Moore left the meeting.

Councillor Morson in the Chair.

5 Police Authority Update

Carol Fox, Police Authority representative, updated the meeting on the changes taking place within the Police service. These were:-

- Strategic Alliance with West Mercia Police ongoing – to report back at next meeting
- Atherstone Police Station to move to Old Bank House. Front desk service now operational at the One Stop Shop in Atherstone
- No decision yet on relocation of Coleshill Police Station

Concern was expressed by those present at the meeting that there had been insufficient communication with the general public and parish councils regarding the re-location of the front desk service to the One Stop Shop in Atherstone. Officers undertook to ensure that this information was displayed prominently on the Borough Council's web-site and through other communication channels.

6 Public Questions and Parish Issues

Lorna Ferguson (Baddesley Ensor Parish Council) asked how the Birch Coppice Section 106 funds were being, or would be, spent in order to ensure that people in Baddesley Ensor benefited from them.

Simon Powell read the following response on behalf of Steve Maxey, the Borough Council's Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council:-

“There had been three agreements relating to Birch Coppice. The first one was for help in getting people into employment across North Warwickshire and an organisation called Recruitment NOW was used to deliver the service.

The second agreement was signed last year and referred more to the communities directly adjacent to Birch Coppice.

The third had been completed this year and related to the new Ocado operation.

With regard to the latter two agreements, a group called North Warwickshire Works met regularly. This was chaired by WCC and included a number of training providers such as Connexions, North Warwickshire and Hinckley College, Job Centre Plus and was currently looking at a number of schemes designed to give local people the best chance possible of gaining work at Birch Coppice.

With respect to the Ocado agreement, this company is likely to be more “hands on” given its past record of recruiting from the local area. Visits from the North Warwickshire Works group had already been made to Ocado’s existing base (even though it will not be recruiting until next year). It is pleasing that Job Centre Plus was on the team as it holds the recruitment contract with Ocado.”

Lorna Ferguson asked if a figure was available of the percentage of jobs brought into North Warwickshire through Section 106 Agreements. Officers agreed to find out if a figure was available and report back to the next meeting.

Stan Orton raised the issue of the revised bus services and felt there was confusion about what Arriva and the County Council were going to do.

Concern was also expressed about the loss of the daily service from Austrey to Atherstone, the removal of the flexi bus from Austrey to Tamworth and the proposed changes to buses serving Baxterley/Baddesley Ensor.

Martin Gibbins (WCC) explained that the County Council previously subsidised bus services by £2.9 million and this had been cut to £1.6 million. All County Council subsidised services across the County had been reviewed and changes to services proposed.

A specific grant had recently been received from Central Government to support Community Transport organisations such as Beeline for the next 12 months to enable the Community Transport organisations to look at alternative sources of funding.

It was also explained that the bus companies were reviewing their services and that they were responsible for any alterations to their bus routes.

Lorna Ferguson asked if a Quality Impact Assessment had been carried out in respect of the changes to bus routes. Martin Gibbins agreed to look into this and ensure that if an Assessment had been carried out copies would be circulated to Parish Councils.

7 **Health and Well-being in North Warwickshire**

Rachel Robinson, NHS Warwickshire Public Health, presented a case history as background to a presentation highlighting the key health issues for North Warwickshire. These were:- alcohol, obesity and fuel poverty.

8 **HS2 Update**

Martin Gibbins highlighted the maps and consultation information displayed prior to the meeting. It was also confirmed that HS2 Limited was holding a consultation event in Water Orton on 11 June.

9 **Area Forum Funds**

Three eligible applications to the Area Forum Fund were considered.

Resolved:

- a That Austrey and Newton Regis Junior Cricket Club be awarded the sum of £1,171 towards the project highlighted in the report;**
- b That the Friends of Warton School – PTA be awarded the sum of £1,222 towards the project highlighted in the report; and**
- c That Friends of Woodside PTA be awarded the sum of £765 towards the project highlighted in the report.**

10 **Future Agenda Items**

HS2 Update
Youth Services Update
NHS Public Health Update

11 **Any Other Business**

Stan Orton informed the meeting that presentations were to be held at Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council regarding future plans for the George Eliot Hospital.

Lorna Ferguson asked if there was any help that WCC or NWBC could give to assist local villages in getting improved Broadband connection. Simon Powell said he understood that Central Government had given a commitment and made money available to improve Broadband in rural locations. A bid for this money was being co-ordinated by the County Council.

12 **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 14 July 2011 - Shuttington.

Chairman