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Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party

***Tuesday 31 May 2011 at 5.00 pm
in Room GFR14, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

***The Constitution of this Working Party of the Cabinet
will be determined after the meeting of the Cabinet
scheduled for Wednesday 25 May 2011.***

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Agenda

Procedural Matters

1. Substitutes

Any Member who is substituting for another Member should so indicate together with the name of the relevant absent Member.

2. Election of Chairman

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

4. Apologies for Absence

5. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2011 (copy attached).

6. Declarations of Interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

As many of the items on this agenda are of at least some significance to Bury St Edmunds Town Council this declaration will be made at the beginning of the meeting.

Part 1 – Public

7. Petition: Home Farm Lane (South) and Hardwick Park Gardens: Designation as a Residential Area of Special Character

Notification has been received that the organisers of a petition containing over 105 signatures wish to present it at this meeting of the Working Party. In accordance with Part 4, Rules of Procedure, of the Council's Constitution, if petitioners so wish, a petition containing not less than 20 signatures may be presented to the Chairman of the appropriate body. When a petition is considered by that body then a representative of the petitioners may speak at the meeting for not more than three minutes.

The petition seeks the designation of the southern end of Home Farm Lane and Hardwick Park Gardens as a Residential Area of Special Character so as to ensure that the Council's new planning policies include sufficient restrictions on the design, scale, density, massing, height and materials of new development compatible with the locality – all in accordance with the details contained in a document submitted with the petition.

8. Street Lighting

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is shortly to embark on a project to make all street lighting controllable in respect of timing and light level output.

SCC is to invest £2.5 million to install an intelligent lighting system to over 55,000 street lights. This will enable street lights to be dimmed and lighting hours to be controlled from a central location. Overall the investment will deliver annual savings on energy costs approaching £500k and carbon reductions of over 4,000 tonnes per annum.

The proposals would as a rule see lighting turned off in residential areas, between midnight and 5.30am and dimmed in other areas.

There are certain locations where close examination of lighting levels and operating times needs consideration such as town centres, major junctions, public car parks and indeed residential areas. SCC are proposing to draw up initial proposals and hold local meetings to allow all those interested (Police, Borough/District, Town and Parish Councils, residents, businesses and including Borough Councillors) to have input in order to draw on their local knowledge.

A presentation on the proposals will be made at a meeting by Richard Webster, Electrical Services Manager, Suffolk County Council.

Recommendation

The Working Party is recommended to note the contents of this narrative.

9. Town Centre Lettings/Vacancies: Update

The Economic Development Manager will make a presentation and provide an oral update.

10. Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Issues Consultation: Summary

Report **C8 TO FOLLOW**.

11. Review of Zone H Neighbourhood Parking Scheme

Report **C9** attached.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

The Working Party has approved the following dates for future meetings in 2011/2012:-

19 July 2011;
13 September 2011;
1 November 2011;
20 December 2011;
7 February 2012;
20 March 2012; and
8 May 2012.

All dates are Tuesdays and meetings to commence at 5.00 pm.

Part 2 – Private

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