

Enquiries regarding this Agenda:
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Rural Area Working Party

***Thursday 12 November 2009 at 5.00 pm
in Room GFR14, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

CONSTITUTION: *Chairman: To be elected*
 Vice-Chairman: To be appointed

FULL MEMBERS:

<u><i>Conservative</i></u> <u><i>Members (8)</i></u>	<u><i>Liberal Democrat</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>LLINK</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Mrs Bone</i>	<i>Chappell</i>	<i>Redhead</i>
<i>Mrs Broughton</i>		
<i>Mrs Levack</i>		
<i>Ray</i>		
<i>Spicer</i>		
<i>Stevens</i>		
<i>Thorndyke</i>		
<i>Mrs Whittaker</i>		

SUBSTITUTES:

<u><i>Conservative</i></u> <u><i>Members (3)</i></u>	<u><i>Liberal Democrat</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>LLINK</i></u> <u><i>Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Mrs Charlesworth</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Clifton-Brown</i>		
<i>Houlder</i>		

QUORUM: *Four Members*

Please switch off mobile phones during the meeting, unless exceptional circumstances require otherwise.

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. 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.

Part 1 – Public

6. Terms of Reference and Provisional Work Programme

Report **A308** attached.

7. Rural Action Plan – Update Report

Report **A309** attached.

8. Ixworth Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

Report **A310** attached.

9. ‘Save Our Villages’ Campaign

Report **A311** attached.

10. BT Public Payphone Removal Consultation 2009

A notification has been received from British Telecommunications plc (BT) requesting consideration of their plans to remove 53 payphones, largely of the traditional red form, within the Borough. St. Edmundsbury has consulted with Parish and Community Councils and will formulate a draft decision on each payphone for further consultation. This will be followed by a final decision on all of the phones to be sent to BT by 2 January 2010. A draft decision is due to be advertised on 4 November 2009.

Consideration will be given to the following factors affecting the significance of each payphone: the housing type in the area, the number of households in the area, public call revenue, emergency use and mobile phone coverage. Whilst the visual importance of the phone boxes in their setting is not a valid consideration BT have offered Parish and Community Councils the opportunity to adopt their respective kiosk for retention without the payphone facility for £1.

This notification follows on from a similar one received in 2008 when St. Edmundsbury agreed to the removal of 22 out of 42 phones which were not being used with any significant frequency. Each payphone within this notification will be reviewed individually in accordance with the considerations above and a brief justification for the decision will be provided in a report to be presented to Cabinet on 2 December 2009.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates for future meetings are put forward for the Working Party to approve:-

21 January 2010; and
15 April 2010.

Both dates are Thursdays and meetings to commence at 5.00 pm.

Part 2 – Private

NONE