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Rural Area Working Party

***Thursday 15 April 2010 at 5.00 pm
in Room GFR14, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

CONSTITUTION: *Chairman: Councillor J Thorndyke
Vice-Chairman: Mrs S O Broughton*

FULL MEMBERS:

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

SUBSTITUTES:

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

QUORUM: *Four Members*

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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. Apologies for Absence

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2010 (copy attached).

4. 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

5. Delivery of the Local Development Framework (LDF) in the Rural Area and LDF Rural Housing Allocations

Oral presentation by the Head of Planning and Economic Development and the Planning Policy and Special Services Manager.

6. Affordable Housing in the Rural Areas

Report **A624** attached.

7. St Edmundsbury's Domestic Energy Efficiency and Affordable Warmth Programme

Report **A625** attached.

8. Place Survey: Overview of Rural Responses

Report **A626** attached.

9. Rural Area Working Party Programme 2010

Report **A627** attached.

10. Village of the Year Competition 2010

The 2010 Village of the Year Competition, which is being sponsored by BT in association with IP-City Network, is open to villages with 501 to 3000 local government electors. In St Edmundsbury 20 villages are eligible.

Judges will be looking at:-

- (i) community spirit;
- (ii) care taken of the village;
- (iii) its attitude to caring for the natural environment;
- (iv) the parish council; and
- (v) special activities.

Judges will be looking closely at plans for the future of the village as well as its recent achievements. They want to see that all residents are listened to and catered for, from the youngest to the oldest. Splendid new halls and transport initiatives will be applauded but so will simple low cost ideas such as a rota for collecting prescriptions, or the care of those who are housebound or people with cars offering rides to town for those with no transport. A variety of clubs for all ages and a high proportion of residents joining in is just as impressive.

Officers have sent application packs to all the Parish Councils for the eligible villages, and have also sent details to the relevant ward members, asking them to help with promotion.

The deadline for applications is 14 May 2010. To date no applications have been received, so officers would like to again ask relevant Members to promote the opportunity to enter the competition.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates for future meetings of the Working Party have been approved:-

17 June 2010;
30 September 2010;
18 November 2010;
13 January 2011;
10 March 2011; and
12 May 2011.

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

Part 2 – Private

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