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## ***Rural Area Working Party***

***Thursday 24 January 2013 at 5.00 pm  
in Room GFR13, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

***\*\* Please note the time of the meeting \*\****

***\*\* Councillor Mrs Gower, Portfolio Holder for Housing and all  
Councillors representing rural wards who are not members of the  
Working Party are invited to attend \*\****

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

***FULL MEMBERS:***

<u><i>Conservative Members (8)</i></u>	<u><i>Independent Group Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>Labour Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Mrs Broughton Clifton-Brown Hale Pugh Ray Mrs Rushen Stevens Thorndyke</i>	<i>Redhead</i>	<i>VACANCY</i>

***SUBSTITUTES:***

<u><i>Conservative Members (3)</i></u>	<u><i>Independent Group Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>Labour Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Mrs Hopfensperger Houlder Mrs D Whittaker</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>VACANCY</i>

***QUORUM: Four Members***

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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 3 September 2012 (attached).

### **4. Declarations of interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary or local non-pecuniary 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. Rural Profiling Project – Workshop with external facilitators, Stephen Hill, Director C20 future planners**

The Outline Programme is as follows:

- (a) Recap on thinking behind the Rural Profiling Project and where we have got to;
- (b) More than a housing needs survey, more than a parish plan!;
- (c) Vision 2031 – delivering on aspirations;
- (d) Taking it forward – What are the opportunities and how do we grasp them to do things differently?

Discussions covering: strategic direction for rural communities – What can be done?/What has changed?/New ways of developing/Local control/Neighbourhood Plans and Sustainability in Rural Areas; and

- (e) Next steps – revisit the decisions made to date – Are they the right ones?

**6. Evidencing Rural Housing Need**

Report **D257** attached.

**7. Rural Youth Work Programme**

Report **D258** attached.

**8. Draft Rural Area Working Party Work Programme 2013**

Members are asked to comment on the following ideas that have been submitted to date for Work Programme items. They are also requested to contribute additional topics for discussion:

- (i) Rural Action Plan monitoring;
- (ii) Parish Conference Planning;
- (iii) Rural youth work monitoring;
- (iv) Short and long term objectives of the Rural Area Working Party;
- (v) Rural transport issues;
- (vi) Economic Development items;
- (vii) Landscape quality assessments;
- (viii) Underachievement in rural schools - can we help?; and
- (ix) Schools' Reorganisation update.

**9. Dates of Future Meetings**

The Working Party has agreed the following date for a future meeting:

Wednesday 13 March 2013.

Meeting to commence at 5.00 pm.

The Working Party is asked to **APPROVE** the following dates for further future meetings:

Monday 29 July 2013;  
Wednesday 30 October 2013;  
Monday 27 January 2014; and  
Wednesday 26 March 2014.

All meetings to commence at 5.00 pm.

**Part 2 – Private**

**NONE**