

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Nick Ridley – Chairman

Clive Arthey	David Holland
Sue Ayres	Jennie Jenkins
Melanie Barrett	Richard Kemp
Simon Barrett	Frank Lawrenson
Tony Bavington	Margaret Maybury
Peter Beer	Alastair McCraw
Peter Burgoyne	Mark Newman
Sue Burgoyne	John Nunn
Tom Burrows	Adrian Osborne
Dave Busby	Jan Osborne
Tina Campbell	Lee Parker
Sue Carpendale	Peter Patrick
Derek Davis	Stephen Plumb
Siân Dawson	David Rose
Alan Ferguson	Ray Smith
Barry Gasper	Fenella Swan
Kathryn Grandon	John Ward
John Hinton	

The following Members were unable to be present:-

Michael Creffield, Michael Holt, Bryn Hurren, James Long, William Shropshire, Harriet Steer and Stephen Williams.

58 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no questions or statements from the public.

59 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on [27 October 2015](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

60 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Simon Barrett and Frank Lawrenson referred to their ownership of licensed premises in relation to [Paper R77](#) (Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy Statutory Five-Yearly Revision). The Monitoring Officer confirmed that there was no disclosable interest to record but that an appropriate reference would be made in the minutes.

David Holland declared a local non-pecuniary interest by reason of being a member of The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the interest declared did not prevent him from speaking or voting.

61 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR LEADER

The Chairman referred to [Paper R79](#) outlining recent events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and confirmed that he had attended the Remembrance Service and Parade at St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard on 8 November.

62 PETITIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 14, the Chief Executive reported the receipt of a petition as detailed below:-

Planning Application B/15/01078/FUL – Cygnet Court, Swan Street, Boxford

Petition signed by approximately 33 residents of Boxford objecting to the erection of 4 dwellings at Cygnet Court.

It was confirmed that the petition had been taken into account when the planning application was determined by the Planning Committee on 9 December 2016.

63 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(a) Licensing Act 2003 – Statement Of Licensing Policy Statutory Five-Yearly Revision

Ray Smith, Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation to adopt the revised 'Statement of Licensing Policy', as set out in Paper R77 and Appendix A.

Members noted that the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich had not been included in the public consultation. It was suggested that future consultations in respect of statutory policy revisions with regards to licensing functions should be extended to include the Diocese, and the Corporate Manager – Licensing agreed that this would be done. In response to concerns about the need for Parochial Church Councils and other charities to seek TENs for relevant fund raising and other events, regardless of the level of activity involved, he reported that the Government is looking at possible small-scale exemptions. In the meantime, it was not possible to disapply the requirement for a TEN.

RESOLVED

That the draft 'Statement of Licensing Policy' referred to in paragraph 2.1 of Paper R77 (Appendix A) be adopted for publication and to take effect for five years (unless sooner revised) from 7 January 2016.

(b) Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles Statutory Three-Yearly Revision

Ray Smith, Vice-Chairman of the Regulatory Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation to adopt the revised 'Statement of Principles' in respect of Gambling Act 2005 functions, as set out in [Paper R78](#) and Appendix A.

Members noted that the Diocese would also be included as a future consultee on relevant gambling matters.

RESOLVED

That the draft 'Statement of Principles' referred to in paragraph 2.1 of Paper R78 (Appendix A) be adopted for publication and to take effect for three years (unless sooner revised) from 31 January 2016.

64 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

65 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

66 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2016/17

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted [Paper R80](#), the draft timetable of meetings for the next municipal year, which had been prepared following consultation with relevant Members and Officers.

RESOLVED

That the timetable of meetings outlined in Paper R80 be approved.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 5.55 p.m.

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Chairman