

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2016

PRESENT: Peter Burgoyne – Chairman

Clive Arthey	Michael Holt
Sue Ayres	Bryn Hurren
Melanie Barrett	Jennie Jenkins
Simon Barrett	Richard Kemp
Tony Bavington	James Long
Peter Beer	Margaret Maybury
Sue Burgoyne	Alastair McCraw
Tom Burrows	John Nunn
Dave Busby	Adrian Osborne
Tina Campbell	Jan Osborne
Sue Carpendale	Peter Patrick
Michael Creffield	Stephen Plumb
Siân Dawson	Nick Ridley
Alan Ferguson	David Rose
Barry Gasper	Ray Smith
Kathryn Grandon	Harriet Steer
John Hinton	Fenella Swan
David Holland	John Ward

The following Members were unable to be present:

Derek Davis, Frank Lawrenson, Mark Newman, Lee Parker, William Shropshire and Stephen Williams.

29 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Peter Beer subsequently declared a local non-pecuniary interest in [Paper S48](#) in his capacity as a Suffolk County Councillor but stated that he was able to speak and vote on the item.

30 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on [28 June 2016](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

31 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman referred to [Paper S46](#) outlining recent events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

32 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no questions or statements from the public.

33 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

34 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

35 PETITIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, the Chief Executive reported the receipt of a petition as detailed below:-

Planning Application No B/16/00750/FUL

Full application – erection of 2 detached 2-story dwellings. Erection of detached double garage serving Plot 1 and alterations to existing vehicular access (following demolition of existing buildings) barn and land on north west side of Gents Lane, Shimpling.

Petition signed by 56 residents of the Babergh District asking the Council to determine the outcome of the above application at an open session of the Planning Committee. The petition included a reference to the proposed development being 'highly controversial' as the reason given for this request.

Receipt of the petition was reported to the Planning Committee on 13 July when Members were informed that the Ward Member had called for a decision on the application to be referred to Planning Committee. It is currently anticipated that the application would be determined by Committee on 24 August 2016 and the lead petitioner had been advised accordingly.

Members noted the position.

36 PRESENTATION BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

Peter Maddison, Lead Commissioner and Richard Buck, Review Manager for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England were in attendance at the meeting and gave a short presentation outlining the context for an Electoral Review along with a detailed explanation of the statutory process and indicative timeline for a review. Members then had the opportunity to ask questions on the review process, outline timetable and role for Councillors. Copies of the presentation slides were circulated to all Members.

Following the question and answer session, the Chairman thanked Peter and Richard before moving to consideration of [Paper S47](#).

37 ELECTORAL REVIEW FOR BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Jennie Jenkins, Leader, introduced Paper S47, seeking Member approval for The Local Government Boundary Commission for England to carry out an Electoral Review for Babergh District Council alongside Mid Suffolk District Council.

Charlie Adan answered Members' questions on the timing of the Review and the resource implications for the Council. Members were advised that much of the data which would be needed was already held by the Council or would be provided through complementary work for the Strategic Suffolk/devolution, public services transformation agendas.

RESOLVED

That The Local Government Boundary Commission for England be requested to carry out an Electoral Review for Babergh District Council alongside Mid Suffolk District Council.

38 DESIGNATION OF HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

Jennie Jenkins, Leader, introduced [Paper S48](#), seeking Member approval to designate an officer as the acting Head of Paid Service for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, with effect from 4 August 2016, for the intervening period before a permanent Joint Chief Executive is appointed. She informed Members that Deborah Cadman, Chief Executive for Suffolk County Council, was the candidate recommended by the Task and Finish Group for this position.

Suki Binjal, Monitoring Officer, drew Members' attention to an error in paragraph 10.1 of Paper S48, in that the current Joint Chief Executive will be leaving her position on 3 August 2016, and not 31 July 2016 as stated. She also clarified the procedure for the approval of Head of Paid Service appointments which must now be made in open session, following changes to the rules regarding such appointments.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Deborah Cadman, Chief Executive for Suffolk County Council, as recommended by the Task and Finish Group for designation as the Acting Head of Paid Service for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils be approved to undertake the statutory role, with effect from 4 August 2016, pending the appointment of a permanent Joint Chief Executive.**
- (2) That the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make any required changes to the Council's Constitution resulting from Resolution (1) above.**
- (3) That the designated Acting Head of Paid Service be approved as the Proper Officer under S270(3) of the Local Government Act 1972.**
- (4) That the Deputy Chief Executive be designated as the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.**

At this point the meeting adjourned for a short comfort break.

39 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

RESOLVED

That pursuant to Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during this item, it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against the item.

The Committee was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

40 RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT FROM STRATEGY COMMITTEE (14 July 2016)

New Anglia 'Space to Innovate' Enterprise Zone – Sproughton Enterprise Park Site (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1)

The Minute relating to the above-mentioned item is excluded from the public record. A summary of the Minute made by the Proper Officer in accordance with sub-section 2 of Section 100(c) of the Local Government Act 1972 is set out below.

Jennie Jenkins, Chairman of Strategy Committee, introduced the recommendations of the Strategy Committee as contained in Paper S49. Members also had before them Paper S44 (previously considered by the Strategy Committee). Officers responded to questions raised by Members.

The recommendations in the report were accepted.

The public and press were re-admitted to the meeting at this point.

41 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Executive

Jennie Jenkins referred to Charlie Adan's final Babergh meeting and Members showed their appreciation for her contribution over the last 5 years with a round of applause. Charlie responded by thanking Members and officers for their support during turbulent times and wished the Council well for the future.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 7.20 p.m.

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Chairman