

# Draft minutes

## Stonham Aspal Broadband

Date 7th February 2003 at 2000

At Orchard View, The Street, Stonham Aspal.

### 1 Introductions and Updates

Present at the meeting were:

Charles Brookson, Phil Sharman, Kevin Wailes, Charles Tydeman, Robin Ralling, Mark Allen. Apologies had been received from Reg Tydeman, Chris Tindall.

Charles Brookson updated the meeting:

- We had now submitted an application for EEDA funding, and we were now allocated a consultant by Suffolk Development Agency.
- We were working with others in the area, notably Debenham and Wetheringsett.
- We had about 30 people registered so far, but the economics meant that the solutions we were looking at might require many more to be viable.

Mark Allen from Wetheringsett updated the meeting on the activity in his area and from other areas in Mid Suffolk.

### 2 Adoption of the Constitution

The Constitution was unanimously adopted.

### 3 Voting for Committee members

The following committee members were voted in:

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Charles Brookson (CB)	RR	KW
Vice Chairman	Charles Tydeman (CT)	CB	RR
Treasurer	Phil Sharman (PS)	RR	CT
Committee member	Robin Ralling (RR)	CB	PS
Committee member	Kevin Wailes (KW)	PS	CT
Secretary*	Charles Brookson		

\* Charles Brookson would temporarily fill the post of Secretary as he had all the paper work.

It was agreed that Reg Tydeman would be co-opted onto to the Committee should he agree.

### 4 Next steps

There was some discussion on possible technical solutions. The difficulty of producing a long-term solution that could be maintained by a small community was discussed. There was recognition of the benefits that might be gained if the community, such as access terminals and open employment possibilities.

A meeting should be held in the Village Hall in early March to present the ideas to those who might be interested. Representatives from surrounding villages, the Suffolk Development Agency and Mid Suffolk Council should be invited.

There was no need as yet for any bank account to be started, although this was recognised as being perhaps necessary depending the possibilities.

## **5 Any other business**

No further items were discussed

## **6 Date of next meeting**

It was decided that there would not be another meeting of the committee it was decided as being necessary.

*The meeting finished at 2100.*

**Charles Brookson**  
**8th February 2003**