

CONSTITUTION OF: West Bergholt Community Broadband Group

ADOPTED ON: 25th July 2016

1 Name

The name of the Group shall be: West Bergholt Community Broadband Group

2 Aims

The aims of the Group shall be to: Consider all practical solutions to bringing high speed broadband into the village for the benefit of the maximum number of Residents and Businesses, and to publish a recommendation of the best option found in both technical and economic terms.

3 Powers

In order to achieve its aims the Group may: Invite proposals from interested suppliers, and receive presentations from them. It shall not have the right to impose the recommended solution on all Residents and Businesses in the village, but to explain the choice and rationale.

The group is independent from the Parish Council, but does brief the Parish Council on its deliberations and proposals.

- a) Raise money – only if the final solution involves raising a capital contribution from the village. A small amount may be sought purely to cover the Groups running expenses.
- b) Open bank accounts – only if deemed necessary as above.
- c) Take out insurance – not applicable
- d) Employ staff – not applicable
- e) Acquire and manage buildings – not applicable
- f) Organise courses and events – as and when required by village Residents and Businesses on the practicalities of implementing the recommended solution.
- g) Work with other groups and exchange information – any other village or community in the UK who have experienced a similar situation as has arisen in West Bergholt concerning High Speed Broadband provision.
- h) Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aims

4 Group Membership

The group consists of the following people (all of whom live or work in West Bergholt)

Chairman: Roly Buss

Secretary: Phillip Edwards

Committee Members: Aaron Williams; Anthony Wootton; Gary Steers; Robin Bailey.

Advisors: Murray Harlow – to assist in the publication to the village of information from the Group

Chris Stephenson – to advise on matters which may have impact on the Parish Council

Further members may be co-opted onto the Group if additional areas of expertise or assistance are required.

5 Duties of the Officers

(a) The duties of the Chair are to:

- chair meetings of the Group
- represent the Group at functions/meetings that the Group has been invited to
- act as spokesperson for the Group when necessary

(b) The duties of the Secretary are to:

- take and keep minutes of meetings
- prepare the agenda for meetings of the Group in consultation with the Chair
- deal with correspondence
- collect and circulate any relevant information within the Group
- to accompany and/or Deputise for the Chair at functions/meetings or as spokesperson

6 Finance

(a) A Treasurer will only be appointed if it becomes necessary to open a Bank Account in the Group's name.

(b) Any money obtained by the Group outside of capital contributions to pay for a chosen solution shall be used only for the Group's running expenses.

(c) Any bank account opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.

(d) In the event of a Bank Account being opened, the Signatories will be the Treasurer plus either the Chair or the Secretary.

7 Continued Existence of the Group

This voluntary Group intends to remain in existence until at least all infrastructure work has been completed in the village, irrespective of the recommended supplier, and for a time afterwards to monitor overall performance and to provide assistance to Residents and Businesses as and when required.

8 Signatories

Date Signed

Chairman

Secretary

Committee Members