Consideration of Bures St Mary Parish Council and the JR of the process leading to the decision by Babergh DC to give permission for Plots 1 to 4, The Slaughterhouse site, Cuckoo Hill, Bures.

Aarhus convention does not apply unless BSMPC agrees to its finances being available

Monday 4th November – BSMPC voted to take on the JR to Stage 1 subject to funding by KBB Crowdfunding

£5,000 transferred from KBB to BSMPC. Grounds rewritten by Leon Glenister £1,800. Emails letters etc £700
Babergh Contesting £3,300
£5,800

Rewritten Grounds and name change To be considered 11th Nov

If agreed – Buxton bill keeps running £1,000 to present for Permission Babergh costs will increase if they accept changes to claimant and grounds.

Additional £7,000 needed this evening In the region of £10 – 15,000 total

If not agreed all Buxton, Glenister and Babergh costs to be paid – see above £5,800

Permission sought to take case to High Court

If judge gives permission it goes to the High Court - Additional Buxton bill - maximum of £30,00 Poss £20,000 if CFA. This sum is for the period from Permission to Decision. £10,000 for Babergh's costs.

If Permission not given all pre-action costs to be paid – in the region of £10 – 15,000

If the JR is successful Bures would recover costs, Babergh would pay. The decision will go back to the Planning Committee.

If it fails £35,000 - £40,000 to be paid

Buxtons suggest Babergh will cave in and not take it to the High Court

Babergh have employed a QC to contest the JR Claim

Parish Councillors have a duty to assess all possible risks to public money – The Good Councillor Guide 2018

The rules set by Government are designed to make sure that the council takes no unacceptable risks with public money.