

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held at Medway Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 12 November 2008.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman),
Mr J A Davies and Mr S J G Koowaree

ALSO PRESENT: Mr M J Northey

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr C Wade (PROW Team Manager (definition)) and Miss M McNeir (Public Rights Of Way Officer (Definition Team))

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

14. Application to add two public footpaths at Grasmere Pastures, Whitstable to the Definite Map of Public Rights of Way
(Item 3)

(1) A visit to the site at Grasmere Pastures, Whitstable had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by all Members of the Panel; and some half dozen representatives of the Grasmere Pastures Residents' Action Group and members of the public.

(2) The Chairman informed the Panel meeting that the Claimed Public Footpaths lay within his constituency. He had, however, taken no part whatsoever in any previous discussion of the application.

(3) Correspondence from Bevan Brittan LLP on behalf of the landowners and from Chestfield Parish Council had previously been circulated to all Members of the Panel.

(4) Additional correspondence from Mr Jeremy Shannon from the Grasmere Pastures Residents' Action Group was tabled, together with a statement from Mr P Watkins of O W Presland Ltd.

(5) Mr P Watkins addressed the Panel on behalf of the landowner, O W Presland Ltd.

(6) RESOLVED to make a Definitive Map Modification Order to modify the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way (and accompanying Statement) by adding two Public Footpaths over land known as Grasmere Pastures at Whitstable as shown in Appendix A to the report.

Carried Unanimously

15. Application to register land known as Barton Playing Field, Canterbury as a new Town Green
(Item 4)

(1) A visit to the site at Barton Playing Field, Canterbury had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by all Members of the Panel; Dr S Bax, the applicant; representatives from the KCC Children, Families and Education, Barton Court School, Chaucer Technology College; and some half dozen members of the public.

(2) Additional correspondence from Dr S Bax had been circulated to all Panel Members in advance of the meeting.

(3) At the meeting, Ms L Alexander (KCC Children, Families and Education) addressed the Panel in opposition to the application. Dr S Bax spoke as the applicant. Mr B Slater from Barton Court School spoke on behalf of the landowners.

(4) Mr M J Northey was present for this item pursuant pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.24 and spoke.

(5) RESOLVED to endorse the advice received from Counsel and that a non-statutory Public Inquiry be held into the case to clarify the issues.

Carried Unanimously