

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held at Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 2 August 2007.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr J A Davies, Mr S J G Koowaree and Mr F Wood-Brignall

ALSO PRESENT: Mr C J Capon

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

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

2. Proposed withdrawal of application to register a Town or Village Green at Sandyhurst Lane, Westwell
(Item 3)

(1) Mr S J G Koowaree made a declaration of Personal Interest as a Member of Ashford Borough Council.

(2) Mr P Girling from Ashford BC addressed the Panel in support of the recommendation that the application be withdrawn.

(3) RESOLVED to accede to the applicant's request to withdraw the application and to take no further action on this case.

3. Application to register land at Duncan Down, Whitstable as a new Village Green.
(Item 4)

(1) Mr M J Harrison informed the Panel that he was the local Member and a Board Member of the Whitstable Improvement Trust. He had not taken part in any previous discussion of the application, nor formed any prior opinion on it.

(2) A site visit to Duncan Down, Whitstable took place prior to the meeting. It was attended by Mr A Clark and other representatives from "Friends of Duncan Down" as well as Mr L Eldridge from Devine Homes.

(3) Mr A Clark spoke as the applicant. Mr L Eldridge from Devine Homes spoke as the Landowner.

(4) Mr S J G Koowaree moved, seconded by Mr J A Davies that the recommendations set out in Paragraph 31 of the report be adopted.

Carried unanimously

(5) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the application to register the land at Duncan Down, Whitstable be accepted and that the land subject to the application be formally registered as a Village Green; and
- (b) the applicant be informed accordingly.

4. Application to register land at South Road Recreation Ground, Hythe as a new Village Green.

(Item 5)

(1) A site visit to South Road Recreation Ground, Hythe took place prior to the meeting. It was attended by Mr M Ross, the applicant and several Members from Hythe Town Council together with some half dozen members of the public and Mr C J Capon, the local Member.

(2) Mrs M McCormack, Clerk to Hythe Town Council addressed the Committee as the Landowner. Mr J Schoner from Hythe TC spoke as an objector. Mr M Ross spoke as the applicant. Mr C Paine from Shepway DC spoke as the Landowner.

(3) Mr F Wood-Brignall moved, seconded by Mr S J G Koowaree that the recommendations set out in Paragraph 12 of the report be adopted.

Carried unanimously

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