

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Monday, 16 November 2009.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman), Mr T Gates, Mr S J G Koowaree and Mr R A Pascoe

ALSO PRESENT: Mr B J Sweetland

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

9. Application to register land at Fountain Walk, Northfleet as a new Village Green *(Item 3)*

(1) A visit to the site had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by Members of the Panel; Mr S Baker, the applicant and his representative, Mr C Meredith; Mr R Todd, the landowner; Mr L Christie, Local Member; and by some 8 members of the public.

(2) A letter from Mr L Christie, the local Member was tabled in support of the application.

(3) Mr C Meredith addressed the Panel on behalf of the applicant, Mr S Baker. Mr R Todd spoke as the landowner.

(4) On being put to the vote, the recommendations of the Director of Environment and Waste were carried unanimously.

(5) RESOLVED that the applicant be informed that the application to register the land at Fountain Walk, Northfleet has not been accepted.

10. Application to register land known as St Andrew's Gardens, Gravesend as a new Village Green. *(Item 4)*

(1) A visit to the site had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by the Panel Members; Ms C Brown, the applicant; Mrs R Spearman from Gravesham BC, the landowner; and two members of the public.

(2) Mr B J Sweetland was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.24.

- (3) Copies of the intended statements to be made by Ms C Brown and Mr M McKay from Urban Gravesham as well and from Ms P Luxford from the Open Spaces Society were provided to the Panel in advance of the meeting.
- (4) Additional maps provided by Gravesham BC were tabled. These showed the extent of the areas which the Borough Council believed were not capable of registration.
- (5) The PROW Team Manager (definition) tabled a plan showing Gravesham BC's ownership of the site.
- (6) T Dinkin QC addressed the Panel on behalf of the landowner, Gravesham BC.
- (7) On being put to the vote, the recommendations of the Director of Environment and Waste were carried unanimously.
- (8) RESOLVED that a non-statutory Public Inquiry be held into the case in order to clarify the issues.