

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held in the Seminar Lecture Theatre, Sessions House, County Hall Maidstone on Tuesday, 3 March 2015.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr M Baldock, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr C W Caller and Mrs V J Dagger

ALSO PRESENT: Mr A Terry

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms M McNeir (Public Rights Of Way and Commons Registration Officer) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Application to register land at Montefiore Avenue in Ramsgate as a new Village Green.

(Item 3)

(1) The Commons Registration Officer said that the application for voluntary registration of the land had been made under Section 15 of the Commons Registration Act 2006 which allowed the owners of the land (Thanet District Council) to apply to register it as a Town or Village Green.

(2) The Commons Registration Officer referred to the report for a description of the site layout and also tabled colour photographs of the land in question.

(3) The Commons Registration Officer then said that the application passed the two necessary tests in that the land was wholly owned by T Thanet DC and that the relevant locality was the electrical ward of Sir Moses Montefiore. She therefore recommended that registration should take place.

(4) The Commons Registration Officer was asked by Panel Members to approach Defra to seek its views on the legal position if the boundaries of an electoral ward that had been identified as a locality were subsequently redrawn.

(5) Mr A Terry, the Local Member briefly spoke in support of the application.

(6) The Panel unanimously agreed the recommendations.

(7) RESOLVED that the applicant be informed that the application to register the land known as the Old Putting Green at Ramsgate has been accepted, and that the land subject to the application be formally registered as a Village Green.

2. Application to register land adjacent to Shadoxhurst Village Green as a new Village Green

(Item 4)

- 1) The Commons Registration Officer said that the application for voluntary registration of the land had been made under Section 15 of the Commons Registration Act 2006 which allowed the owners of the land (Shadoxhurst Parish Council) to apply to register it as a Town or Village Green.
- (2) The Commons Registration Officer referred to the report for a description of the site layout and also tabled colour photographs of the land in question.
- (3) The Commons Registration Officer then said that the application passed the two necessary tests in that the land was wholly owned by Shadoxhurst PC and that the relevant locality was the civil parish of Shadoxhurst. She therefore recommended that registration should take place.
- (5) The Panel discussed the merits of seeking to raise an administrative charge for Voluntary Registrations as well as the possibility of giving delegated powers to the officers to determine such applications.
- (4) The Panel unanimously agreed the recommendations.
- (5) RESOLVED that the applicant be informed that the application to register the additional piece of land adjacent to Shadoxhurst Village Green has been accepted, and that the land subject to the application be formally registered as a Village Green.

3. Applications to register land at West Woods and Recreation Ground in Hildenborough as new Village Greens *(Item 5)*

- 1) The Commons Registration Officer said that two applications for voluntary registration of land had been made under Section 15 of the Commons Registration Act 2006 which allowed the owners of the land (Hildenborough Parish Council) to apply to register them as Town or Village Greens.
- (2) The Commons Registration Officer referred to the report for a description of the layout of the sites and also tabled colour photographs of the two pieces of land in question.
- (3) The Commons Registration Officer then said that the applications passed the two necessary tests in that the land was wholly owned by Hildenborough PC and that the relevant locality in both cases was the parish of Hildenborough. She therefore recommended that registration should take place.
- (4) The Panel unanimously agreed the recommendations.
- (5) RESOLVED that the applicant be informed that the applications to register the lands known as “West Wood” and the “Recreation Ground” have been accepted, and that the areas of land subject to the applications be formally registered as Town or Village Greens.

