

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 26 January 2010.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman) Mr R Brookbank, Mr C J Capon, Mr H J Craske, Mr J Cubitt, Mrs V J Dagger (Substitute for Mr A D Crowther), Mr T Gates, Mr W A Hayton, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr R J Lees, Mr S Manion, Mr R F Manning, Mr J Ozog, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr J Wedgbury and Mr M Whiting

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr R Gregory (Principal Planning Officer Enforcement), Mr C Wade (PROW Team Manager (definition)), Mr S Bagshaw (Head of Admissions & Transport), Mr G Rudd (Assistant Democratic Services Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Minutes

(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Committee meeting of 10 September 2009 and of the Member Panels held on 27 October 2009, 16 November 2009 and 14 December 2009 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

2. Update from the Commons Registration Team

(Item 4)

RESOLVED that the County Council's participation in the pilot implementation of Part I of the Commons Act 2006 be noted and that the action taken this far be commended.

3. Applications to register land as a Town or Village Green under Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006

(Item 5)

(1) A revised version of the report had previously been published and circulated to all members of the Committee.

(2) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) all applications for the registration of land as a new Town or Village Green made under Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006 be dealt with in order of receipt; and

- (b) in exceptional circumstances, where Officers consider that a particular case should be expedited, agreement to depart from the standard policy set out in (a) above be sought from an Informal member Group of the Regulation Committee.

4. Presentation on Home to School Transport (including Home to School Transport Statistics)

(Item 6)

(1) Mr S Manion made a declaration of Personal Interest as his children received free transport from home to school.

(2) Mr C J Capon informed the Committee that he was the Chairman of the Children, Families and Education Resources and Infrastructure Policy Overview Committee which had set up an Informal Member Group (IMG) to consider SEN Home to School Transport issues. He offered to ensure that the views of the Regulation Committee were represented to the IMG.

(3) The Committee asked for additional information on the number of appeals that had been withdrawn before being considered by a Transport Appeals Panel.

(4) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

5. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues

(Item 7)

(1) The Schedules of Contraventions on (part) unauthorised sites and of Alleged breaches on Permitted Minerals and Waste Sites had previously been published and circulated to all members of the Committee.

(2) The Chairman informed the Committee that Mr R E King, the Local Member for the Deal Field Shaw (Shaw Grange) landfill site in Charing had written on behalf of the local residents to thank and congratulate the Committee and its Officers for all the work they had done towards restoring the site.

(3) RESOLVED to endorse the actions taken or contemplated on the respective cases set out in paragraphs 6 to 34 of the report and those contained within the Schedules set out in Appendices 1 and 2.

EXEMPT ITEMS (Open Access to Minutes)

(Members resolved under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act)

6. Update on Planning Enforcement issues at Deal Field Shaw, Charing

(Item 9)

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported on the latest enforcement position concerning the Deal Field Shaw (Shaw Grange) former landfill site in Charing.

(2) RESOLVED to endorse the site strategy outlined in paragraphs 4 to 11 of the report.

7. Enforcement strategy at Four Gun Field, Otterham Quay Lane, Upchurch
(Item 10)

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported on the latest enforcement strategy concerning the Four Gun Field site at Otterham Quay Lane, Upchurch.

(2) RESOLVED to endorse the enforcement strategy outlined in paragraphs 4 to 10 of the report.

8. Enforcement strategy for Blu-3 (UK) Ltd/ Construction Haulage Ltd, Unit 10, Detling Airfield, Detling
(Item 11)

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the latest enforcement strategy concerning Blu-3 (UK) Ltd/ Construction Haulage Ltd, Unit 10, Detling Airfield, Detling.

(2) RESOLVED to endorse the enforcement strategy outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the report.