

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held in the Swale 1, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 19 February 2010.

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 R Brookbank

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

3. Application to register land at Chart Corner in the parish of Chart Sutton as a new Village Green

(Item 4)

(1) Members of the Panel visited the application site at Chart Corner, Chart Sutton on the morning of the meeting.

(2) RESOLVED to inform the applicants that the application to register the land at Chart Corner in the parish of Chart Sutton has been accepted insofar as it relates to land owned by the Parish Council, and that the land shown hatched at Appendix D of the report be formally registered as a Village Green.

4. Application to register land at King George Playing Fields, Hawkhurst as a new Village Green.

(Item 3)

(1) Members of the Panel visited the site at King George Playing Fields, Hawkhurst on the morning of the meeting. The visit was attended by Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mrs B Weedon and Mr A McTrusty (Members and Clerk to Hawkhurst Parish Council).

(2) Correspondence dated 14 February 2010 from "Campaign for Planning Sanity" on behalf of the applicants had previously been circulated to all Members of the Panel.

(3) Further correspondence from Mr C Maile of "Campaign for Planning Sanity" dated 19 February 2010 was tabled. This explained that he and the applicants were declining the opportunity to speak to the Committee and also summarised their concerns in respect of the report by the Director of Environment and Waste.

(4) The Panel expressed its regret that the applicants had refused to attend and asked the Chairman to write on their behalf to their representative.

(5) Mr A McTrusty (Clerk to Hawkhurst PC), Mr R Harding (Chairman of Hawkhurst PC), Mr B Cova (Hawkhurst Community Partnership) and Mr R Weedon (Tunbridge Wells BC) addressed the Committee in opposition to the application.

(6) The Chairman moved the motion set out in (7) below which was carried unanimously.

(7) RESOLVED that the Director of Environment and Waste be requested to expedite enquiries into the landownership and other issues raised and that the Panel reconvene at the earliest opportunity (preferably with the same Membership).