

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on 2 September 2008.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman), Mr I S Chittenden and Dr M R Eddy.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr R A Marsh.

OFFICERS: The Principal Case Officer – Public Rights of Way, Mr C Wade (with the Case Officer Miss M McNeir); and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

10. Application to register land at Cherry Orchard Playing Field, Herne as a Village Green.

(Item 3 – Report by Director of Environment and Waste)

Mr R A Marsh was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.24 and spoke.

- (1) A visit to the site at Cherry Orchard Playing Field, Herne had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by all Members of the Panel; the applicant, Mrs R Bowley; and 4 other members of the public.
- (2) Additional correspondence from Herne and Broomfield Parish Council (in opposition) and from the Open Spaces Society (in support) was tabled.
- (3) The Principal Case Officer explained the reasons for the recommendation contained in the report. Mr E Bowley on behalf of Mrs Bowley (the applicant), supported by Mr J Moore spoke in support of the application. Mrs Janet Taylor, Deputy Head of Legal Services at Canterbury City Council spoke as the landowner.
- (4) The Chairman moved that the recommendations of the Director of Environment and Waste set out in Paragraph 28 of the report be agreed.
Carried unanimously.
- (5) RESOLVED to endorse the advice received from Counsel that a non-statutory Public Inquiry be held into the case to clarify the issues.