

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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## REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on 29 November 2007.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman), Mr I S Chittenden, Mr T Gates and Mr I T N Jones.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr D L Brazier and Mr R L H Long.

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

### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

#### **5. Application to register a Claimed Footpath from The Freehold to Carpenters Lane, Hadlow.**

*(Item 3 – Report by Director - Environment and Waste)*

*(Mr R L H Long was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure 2.24 and spoke).*

- (1) Members had previously visited the site in connection with other applications.
- (2) Mr J Rutherford, the landowner addressed the Panel in opposition to the application.
- (3) RESOLVED to inform the applicant that the registration authority is not prepared to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by showing at footpath status a route running between Carpenters Lane and The Freehold at Hadlow.

#### **6. Application to register land at Hartley Woods, Hartley as a new Village Green.**

*(Item 4 – Report by Director - Environment and Waste)*

*(Mr D L Brazier was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure 2.24 and spoke)*

- (1) A site visit to Hartley Woods, Hartley took place prior to the meeting. It was attended by representatives from Hartley Parish Council, Southwark London Borough and some half dozen members of the public.
- (2) Letters from Field Fisher Waterhouse dated 21 and 27 November 2007 were tabled together with a letter from Hartley Parish Council dated 27 November 2007.
- (3) Mr K Tucker and Mr P Laister addressed the Panel in support of the application. Mrs I Sharpe spoke against the application. Mrs A Oxtoby from Hartley Parish Council addressed the Panel as the applicant. Southwark London Borough, the Landowner was represented by Mr M Mayne and Mr T Kemp. They were supported by George Kennedy QC and Ms T Storm from Field Fisher Waterhouse.

(4) The Chairman moved that consideration of this application be postponed to a date in mid-February 2008 to enable Southwark London Borough to gather further evidence in relation to this case.

*Carried unanimously*

(5) RESOLVED that consideration of this application be postponed to a date in mid-February 2008 to enable Southwark London Borough to gather further evidence in relation to this case.

**7. Application to register a claimed footpath from the A227 (Wrotham Road) to Byway NS285 in Meopham**

*(Item 5 – Report by Director - Environment and Waste)*

(1) A site visit to Steele's Lane, Meopham took place prior to the meeting. It was attended by Mr K Dare, the applicant, some residents from Steele's Lane and other Members of Meopham Parish Council.

(2) A letter from Ms Karina Lucas, a local resident was tabled together with further representations from Mr A Tomlinson in rebuttal of the Director – Environment and Waste's report.

(3) Mr A Tomlinson, a local resident from Steele's Lane, Meopham addressed the Panel in opposition to the application. Mr K Dare spoke in reply on behalf of Meopham Parish Council, the applicants.

(4) The Chairman moved, seconded by Mr A D Crowther that the recommendations set out in Paragraph 42 of the report be adopted.

*Carried unanimously*

(5) RESOLVED to inform the applicant that the County Council is prepared to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by showing at Public Status a route running between the A227 (Wrotham Road) and Byway NS285 in Meopham.