

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 August 2007.

PRESENT: Mrs M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr J A Davies, Mr I T N Jones, Mr S J G Koowaree and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr C J Capon.

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

2. Proposed withdrawal of application to register a Town or Village Green at Sandyhurst Lane, Westwell.

(Item 2 – Report by Director - Environment and Waste)

- (1) Mr S J G Koowaree made a declaration of Personal Interest as a Member of Ashford Borough Council.
- (2) Mr P Girling from Ashford BC addressed the Panel in support of the recommendation that the application be withdrawn.
- (3) RESOLVED to accede to the applicant's request to withdraw the application and to take no further action on this case.

3. Application to register land at Duncan Down, Whitstable as a new Village Green.

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

- (1) Mr M J Harrison informed the Panel that he was the local Member and a Board Member of the Whitstable Improvement Trust. He had not taken part in any previous discussion of the application, nor formed any prior opinion on it.
- (2) A site visit to Duncan Down, Whitstable took place prior to the meeting. It was attended by Mr A Clark and other representatives from "Friends of Duncan Down" as well as Mr L Eldridge from Devine Homes.
- (3) Mr A Clark spoke as the applicant. Mr L Eldridge from Devine Homes spoke as the Landowner.
- (4) Mr S J G Koowaree moved, seconded by Mr J A Davies that the recommendations set out in Paragraph 31 of the report be adopted.

Carried unanimously

(5) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the application to register the land at Duncan Down, Whitstable be accepted and that the land subject to the application be formally registered as a Village Green; and
- (b) the applicant be informed accordingly.

4. Application to register land at South Road Recreation Ground, Hythe as a new Village Green.

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

(Mr C J Capon was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.24 and spoke)

(1) A site visit to South Road Recreation Ground, Hythe took place prior to the meeting. It was attended by Mr M Ross, the applicant and several Members from Hythe Town Council together with some half dozen members of the public and Mr C J Capon, the local Member.

(2) Mrs M McCormack, Clerk to Hythe Town Council addressed the Committee as the Landowner. Mr J Schoner from Hythe TC spoke as an objector. Mr M Ross spoke as the applicant. Mr C Paine from Shepway DC spoke as the Landowner.

(3) Mr F Wood-Brignall moved, seconded by Mr S J G Koowaree that the recommendations set out in Paragraph 12 of the report be adopted.

Carried unanimously

(4) RESOLVED to endorse the advice received from Counsel that a non-statutory Public Inquiry be held into the case in order to clarify the issues.