

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 7 April 2008.

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 C J Capon and Mr R L H Long.

OFFICERS: The Principal Case Officer – Public Rights of Way, Mr C Wade (with the Case Officers Miss S Coventry and Miss M McNeir); the Director of Regeneration and Economy (represented by Mr M Hatton); the Principal Planning Officer, Mr R Gregory (with Mr A Goodison) and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

4. Application to register land at Tenterden Road, Rolvenden as a new Village Green.

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

- (1) A visit to the site at Tenterden Road Rolvenden had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by the applicant, Mr A Button; the landowner, Mr T Lodge and three members of the public.
- (2) A letter from Mr A Button dated 31 January 2008 was tabled.
- (3) Mr A Button addressed the Panel in support of the application. Mr T Lodge spoke in opposition.
- (4) RESOLVED that the applicant be informed that the application to register the land at Tenterden Road, Rolvenden as a Village Green has not been accepted.

Carried 4 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

5. Application to register a public footpath from Victoria Drive to Kings Hill Permissive Equestrian Route, Kings Hill, West Malling.

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

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

- (1) A visit to Victoria Drive, Kings Hill had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by the applicant, Mr M Hatton (KCC Regeneration and Economy); the local Member, Mr R L H Long; and the landowner, Mr A Notman.
- (2) Further correspondence from Mr A Notman had previously been circulated to the Panel together with a copy of the land registration document and maps.
- (3) Mr G Hall from Kings Hill Parish Council addressed the Panel in support of the application. Mr M Hatton spoke as the applicant. Mr A Notman spoke in reply.

- (4) RESOLVED that an Order be made to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by showing at Public Footpath status a route running between 21 Victoria Drive and Kings Hill Permissive Equestrian Route, Kings Hill, West Malling.

Carried 2 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions.

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

(Item 4 – 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 visit to the site at Hythe had taken place prior to the previous meeting which had considered this matter on 2 August 2007.
- (2) The second part of the Inspector's report had previously been circulated to the Panel together with a letter from the applicant, Mr M Ross.
- (3) Mr C J Capon asked for his request to be recorded that Hythe Town Council should place a covenant over the land to protect it indefinitely from being sold off for any future development.
- (4) Mr A Metherell addressed the Panel in support of the application. Mrs A Williams spoke in opposition on behalf of Hythe Town Council, the landowner. She informed the Panel that Hythe Town Council regarded the land as public open space and would aim to ensure that it was included as such in the appropriate local plans.
- (5) RESOLVED that the applicant be informed that, for the reasons stated in the Inspector's report dated 22 February 2008, the application to register the land at South Road Recreation Ground, Hythe as a Village Green has not been accepted.

Carried unanimously.

EXEMPT ITEMS

(Open Access to Minutes)

(Members resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, 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 6 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act)

7. Enforcement Strategy at Four Gun Field, Otterham Quay, Upchurch

(Item 8 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

- (1) The Principal Planning Officer reported alleged unauthorised activities at the Four Gun Field site, including recently taken aerial photographs of the site.
- (2) RESOLVED to endorse the enforcement strategy set out in paragraphs 6 to 12 of the report.

Carried unanimously