

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

REGULATORY (ACCESS) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 25th October, 2011

Present:- Councillor Nicholas Coombes (Chair), Councillor Douglas Deacon, Councillor Jeremy Sparks, Councillor Tim Warren and Councillor Michael Evans (In place of Councillor Peter Edwards)

Also in attendance: Maggie Horrill (Planning and Environmental Law Manager), Graeme Stark (Senior Public Rights of Way Officer) and Jack Latkovic (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

49 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the Agenda.

50 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN (IF DESIRED)

RESOLVED that a Vice-Chair (person) was not required on this occasion.

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apology was received from Councillor Peter Edwards. Councillor Michael Evans was a substitute for Councillor Edwards.

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There were none.

53 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There was none.

54 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS

The Chair informed the Committee that there are 3 speakers speaking in support of the Newbridge Meadows Town and Village Green application. Each speaker will have up to 5 minutes to address the Committee.

55 ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS

There was none.

56 NEWBRIDGE MEADOWS TOWN AND VILLAGE GREEN REGISTRATION APPLICATION

The Chair invited Mr John Weston (applicant) to address the Committee.

Mr Weston said that he was delighted that the Inspector has recommended that the Committee should register Newbridge Meadows as a Town and Village Green. He also suggested that the area could be named as 'Queen Elizabeth II fields'. Mr Weston thanked his neighbours, local Councillors and Senior Rights of Way Officer and asked the Committee to approve his application.

A full copy of the statement from Mr John Weston is available at minute book in Democratic Services.

The Chair invited Dr David Dunlop to address the Committee.

Dr Dunlop said that Bath Society continues to support the application to register this land as the Town and Village Green as recommended by the Inspector. He also supported the suggestion that the land be named as 'Queen Elizabeth II fields'.

A full copy of the statement from Dr David Dunlop is available at minute book in Democratic Services.

The Chair invited Mr Robert Page to address the Committee.

Mr Robert Page also welcomed the Inspector recommendation to register the land as the Town and Village Green and asked the Committee to support the application for the reasons listed in his statement.

A full copy of the statement from Mr Robert Page is available at minute book in Democratic Services.

Councillor Loraine Brinkhurst MBE (Newbridge Ward Councillor) said that local Councillors supported recommendation from the Inspector. Both Newbridge Ward Councillors believe that this would be the asset for Newbridge and they thanked the applicant and residents for the support. Councillor Brinkhurst asked the Committee to approve the application.

The Chair invited Graeme Stark (Senior Rights of Way Officer) to introduce the report.

Graeme Stark took the Committee through the report and explained, as per the report, which land is considered to have met the evidential test in the application and was being recommended to the Committee for registration.

It was moved by Councillor Tim Warren, seconded by Councillor Douglas Deacon, and unanimously **RESOLVED** to **REGISTER** the land as a Town or Village Green as per Officer's recommendation.

The Chair advised the applicant to contact the relevant Cabinet Member in terms of naming the site.

57 UPDATE ON DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATIONS ORDERS AND PUBLIC PATH ORDER WORK

The Chairman invited Graeme Stark to give an update.

Graeme Stark went through the update with the Committee Members. He informed the Members that due to the recent budget cuts the service had stopped processing most of the Diversion Orders and will be looking to use outside specialist services to take on this work.

The Chair thanked Graeme Stark for the report.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

The meeting ended at 10.23 am

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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