

**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF REGULATORY (ACCESS) COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010

PRESENT -: **Councillors:** Chris Cray (Chairman), Neil Butters, Tim Warren and Stephen Willcox.

Also in attendance: Graeme Stark (Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer), and Mike Curtis (Democratic Services Officer).

**26 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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

**27 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR(PERSON) (IF DESIRED)**

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

**28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Simon Elias (Legal Adviser)

**29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**30 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR(PERSON)**

There was none.

**31 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC – TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS**

The Committee noted that there was one member of the public who wished to make statements and that they would be able to do so when reaching the item on agenda.

**32 ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED AND ADDED MEMBERS**

There was none.

**33 MINUTES: TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**34 PUBLIC PATH ORDER DIVERSION (APPLICATION) – ABBOTTS BARN FARM, HINTON BLEWETT. (REPORT 9)**

To consider whether an Order should be made to divert a section of public footpath CL12/9 near Abbots Barn Farm in Hinton Blewett.

The officer recommendation is that the Regulatory (Access) Committee formally resolve to make an Order to divert public footpath CL12/9 as detailed in the report.

The Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer introduced the report.

The officer stated that the Committee has received the detailed report with objections against.

Additional discussion with the committee regarding the report, the main points and responses from the mapping officer were:

- The Route is slightly longer but not substantially longer.
- Enjoyment of the view is very similar.
- The start and finish of the route has not been altered.
- As the possible diversion is fifteen metres to the side edge of the slope it could be viewed as an improvement to the path.
- Improvement in privacy for property.

The Committee considered one oral statement by Members of the Public:

Bob Taylor (architect on behalf of the Applicant)

- The route has been altered for the last two years and no complaints received
- Applicant did request the diversion two years ago but at the time was informed that there were no officers available to make the order.
- The diversion was not questioned when planning application for swimming pool was approved.
- Only when new gates erected were any complaints made.

No other members of the public were present.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Warren, seconded by Councillor Neil Butters, and unanimously **RESOLVED** to authorise the Divisional Director Environmental Services to make a Public Path Diversion Order to divert public footpath CL12/9 as detailed in the report and to confirm the Order if unopposed.

Voting: All in Favour, Motion carried.

### **35 UPDATE OF DEFINITIVE MAP ORDER AND PUBLIC PATH ORDER WORK (Report 12)**

The Chairman invited the Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer to give an update.

The Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer went through the update with the Committee Members.

Councillor Neil Butters asked for an update on the Brook Lodge application at Wellow, the Mapping officer stated that he would email the councillor after the meeting to update him on the application that is to go to the secretary of state by the end of the week.

The officer updated the Committee about the cuts in staffing for the department, which have occurred since the last meeting, from three full time equivalents to one and a half full time equivalent posts, and to note the possible effect on future workloads and the speed of orders made and processed, with some diversion orders currently being put on hold.

The Chairman thanked the Mapping officer for his report

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

**36 NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dates for the next two meetings unanimously agreed at the meeting:

<b>2010</b>	<b>Venue</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Guildhall, Bath
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Keynsham Town Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone who participated in this meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.30am

Chairman.....

Date Confirmed and Signed.....