

WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2019 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Christopher Newbury (Chairman), Cllr Jonathon Seed (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr David Halik (Substitute)

27 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Pip Ridout

Cllr Peter Fuller who was substituted by Cllr David Halik.

28 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2019 were presented.

Resolved:

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2019.

29 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

30 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman gave details of the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

31 **Public Participation**

No questions had been received from councillors or members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all present. He then explained the rules of public participation and the procedure to be followed at the meeting.

32 **The Wiltshire Council Parish of Westbury Path no. 15 (part) Diversion Order and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2019**

Public Participation

Francis Morland spoke in objection to the application

Robert Roughan spoke in support of the application

Sally Madgwick, Definitive Map & Highways Records Manager, introduced the report for the making of Wiltshire Council Parish of Westbury Path No. 15 (part) Diversion Order and Definitive Map and Statement Order 2019 made under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and recommended that the Order be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

The Members had the opportunity to ask technical questions and the key issues were: If the outline permission stage of the application process indicated that a modification to the path would have been required; details on the current temporary closure of the path and whether the path would be identifiable once modified.

In response, it was noted that; it would not have been known at the outline permission stage whether the path would have needed to be modified; the temporary closure of the path was in place for public safety due to the location of the path and the current construction work, and that the path would be identifiable.

Members of the public, as detailed above, had the opportunity to speak on the application.

A motion to move the officers recommendation was moved by Councillor Jonathon Seed and seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen.

During the debate it was noted that; It would have been a better process to discuss any modifications to public footpaths at the permitted development stage of the planning process.

At the end of the debate it was;

RESOLVED:

That “the Wiltshire Council Parish of Westbury Path No. 15 (part) Diversion Order and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order” is forwarded to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural

Affairs for determination with the recommendation that it is confirmed without modification.

33 **Urgent Items**

There were no Urgent Items.

(Duration of meeting: 3.00 - 3.35 pm)

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