

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2004.

PRESENT:

Mr M Connolly (Chairman), Mr PG Allnatt, Mr BE Atfield, Mr WS Braid, Mr PR Davis, Mr JP Johnson, Mr AI Moore, Mr CEG Read, Mrs P Rugg, Mr IC West and Mr RM Willan.

Mr TW Carbin, Miss MF de Rhé-Philipe, Mr JB Osborn, Mr AG Peach and Mr J Thomson also attended the meeting.

64. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 September 2004, subject to the following alteration:-

Minute No. 59: Petitions - (2) Dilton Marsh: High Street – Traffic Calming first sentence to read as follows:-

“At the beginning of this item Mr G Holley and Mr S Braithwaite of Dilton Marsh made statements in favour of the petition and Mr F Morland of Chapmanslade made a statement in support of the recommendations as set out in the Director’s report, to which the Chairman responded.”

65. **Members’ Interests** The Chairman declared a personal interest in agenda item no. 15, Request for Free Transport from Tidworth to Stonehenge School, Amesbury (see Minute No. 73 below) as he was a Governor of Castledown School, Tidworth, the designated school for free transport entitlement for secondary school pupils living in Tidworth. He would vacate the chair and leave the meeting for consideration of this item.

66. **Calne: Objections to Waiting Restrictions** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (1) To implement the proposals as amended.
- (2) To inform the objectors accordingly.

67. **The Ridgeway National Trail in Wiltshire – Proposed Seasonal Traffic Regulation Order** At the beginning of this item, Mr K Dobson, a resident of Amesbury made a statement in support of motorcyclists using the Trail and Mr E Mulraney and Mr K Viveash, residents of Swindon asked related questions to which the Chairman responded.

On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and a letter dated 4 October 2004 from Mr Bill Riley of the Trail Riders Fellowship and on hearing the views of Mr AG Peach,

Resolved: To make a Traffic Regulation Order to exclude the use by motor vehicles of The Ridgeway National Trail in Wiltshire and the connecting byways which would otherwise become culs-de-sac, with the exception of Berwick Bassett Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) 14 and Winterbourne Bassett BOAT 9, between 1 October and 30 April annually, together with the amendment from the draft as set out in paragraph 11 of the report.

68. **Sherston: Claimed Byway at Pinkney** At the beginning of this item, Mr J Matthews, Chairman of Sherston Parish Council made a statement in general support of the proposals but requesting a reduction to six months of the proposal to prohibit equestrian and pedestrian use of the additional byway adjacent to the existing bridge at Pinkney, to which the Chairman responded.

On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and on hearing the views of Mr J Thomson, the local member,

Resolved:

- (1) To submit to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination an Order providing for an additional byway to be added to the Definitive Map adjacent to the existing bridge at Pinkney, Sherston, with the recommendation that it be confirmed.*
 - (2) To make an application to the Magistrates' Court, under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, to stop up the vehicular rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary for public use, reserving the pedestrian and equestrian rights thereover.*
 - (3) To make a Road Traffic Regulation Order, under Section 22 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all other use (equestrian and pedestrian) for the period October to March each year on the grounds of "conserving its flora, fauna and geological and physiographical features", pursuant to Section 5, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.*
 - (4) To request the County Ecologist to monitor the use of the crossing and annually survey the crayfish population to determine the impact of the use of the way on the ecological value of the old ford crossing.*
69. **Byways Fovant 15 and Sutton Mandeville 3 (Part) and 4 – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: To make a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting all motorised vehicles from using Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATS) Fovant 15 and Sutton Mandeville 3 (Part) and 4.

70. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: To agree, that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Minute Nos. 71 to 73 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

71. Request for Free Transport from Calne to Abbeyfields School, Chippenham On considering a confidential report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: To agree the request for free transport for LW from Calne to attend Abbeyfield School, Chippenham for one year and to request the officers to review the situation each Summer with a view to continuing support for the following year.

72. Appeal against Refusal of Free Transport from Pewsham, Chippenham to Maud Heath School, East Tytherton On considering a confidential report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: To refuse the request for free transport for PM to attend Maud Heath Primary School, East Tytherton for the following reasons:-

- *PM does not qualify for free transport under the Council's Transport Policy as the child attends Maud Heath Primary School by parental choice.*
- *It is considered that there are no exceptional circumstances to justify a departure from the policy.*

At this point Mr M Connolly vacated the Chair and left the meeting.

Mr CEG Read (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair

73. Request for Free Transport from Tidworth to Stonehenge School, Amesbury On considering a confidential report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: To agree the request for free transport for SH from Tidworth to Stonehenge School, Amesbury for the remainder of the academic year and to then review the situation based on the pupil's attendance and behaviour during that period.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am – 11.50am)

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