



## REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2007.

### PRESENT:

Mr A Davis (Chairman), Mr PR Davis, Mr AN Deane, Mrs SK Doubell, Mrs MEM Groom, Mr JP Johnson, Mr C Newbury, Mrs P Rugg, Mrs MSN Taylor, Mr IC West and Mr RS While.

Miss MF de Rhé-Philippe and Mrs JH Seager also attended the meeting.

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62. **Apologies** An apology for absence was received from Mrs HM Dixon and Mr WR Moss.

63. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14 November 2007.

64. **Members' Interests** Mr PR Davis stated that he did not consider that he had either a personal or a prejudicial interest in agenda no. 8 - Corsham: Extension to Underground Mine Workings (Part Retrospective) at Elm Park Mine, Lane's End, Gastard for Wessex Dimensional Stone Ltd. (N.06.07030) (see Minute No. 65 below). However, because some concern regarding his position had been raised by certain local residents, he had decided that he would leave the Chamber during consideration of this item.

65. **Corsham: Extension to Underground Mine Workings (Part Retrospective) at Elm Park Mine, Lane's End, Gastard for Wessex Dimensional Stone Ltd. (N.06.07030)** At the beginning of the item the Committee received a question and statement from the following members of the public expressing their views in relation to the planning application to which the Chairman responded:

Mrs S Wickham – Resident of Chapel Knapp  
Mr I Butterworth – Applicant

The Committee then considered in detail a report by the Director of Environmental Services, members having carried out a site inspection on Monday 17 December 2007.

Mrs JH Seager, as local member, stated that whilst accepting the need for Bath Stone which was mined at the Elm Park site, she did understand the grave concerns of local residents. She explained that these residents were not requesting a total closure of the mine but were rather seeking a compromise which would overcome their concerns regarding disturbance to their amenity.

Mr C Newbury seconded by Mrs MSN Taylor then moved the officer's recommendation in the report.

At the request of Mrs MSN Taylor the Committee agreed to a recorded vote, which was as follows:-

For the Motion

Mrs SK Doubell, Mr C Newbury, Mrs MSN Taylor and Mr IC West.

Against the Motion

Mr A Davis, Mr AN Deane, Mrs MEM Groom, Mr JP Johnson, Mrs P Rugg and Mr RS While.

Reason for Decision

The Committee considered that the noise issue could be dealt with in a different way.

Thereupon it was moved from the Chair and

**Resolved: To defer further consideration of this application to the next meeting, to enable officers to bring back a further report in relation to the noise issue.**

66. **Commons Registration Act 1965 (as amended): Application for the Registration of a Town or Village Green – Land at Bourne Hill, Salisbury**

At the beginning of the item the Committee received a statement from Ms V Reese in support of the application to which the Chairman responded.

On considering a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and a memorandum dated 14 December 2007 from Mr C Whitmey to Ms D Fenton, Legal Officer, Wiltshire County Council, together with attachment,

**Resolved: To refer the application to a non-statutory public inquiry to be conducted by a barrister experienced in this area of law, with a request that he/she makes a recommendation to the Committee on the application.**

67. **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. 68 & 69 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 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

68. **Request for Free Transport from Calne to Sheldon School, Chippenham**

On considering a confidential report by the Director of Environmental Services,

**Resolved:** To approve the request for free taxi transport from Calne to Sheldon School, Chippenham for the applicant but to ask the officers to review this periodically in the light of any changes to the student's condition which might eventually mean that bus transport could be used.

69. **Appeal for Free Transport from Dilton Marsh to Longmeadow School,**

**Trowbridge** On considering a confidential report by the Director of Environmental Services,

**Resolved:** To approve that free transport be provided for the appellant to attend Longmeadow School, Trowbridge whilst living in Dilton Marsh with the pupil's grandmother but to request the officers to review the situation regarding transport if the pupil moves again whilst of junior school age.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am – 11.30am)

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