

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a MEETING held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY, 2003.

PRESENT: Mrs N S Bryant (Chairman), Mr B E Atfield, Mr M Connolly, Mr JP Johnson, Mr A Molland, Mr JB Osborn, Mr C E G Read, Mrs P Rugg, Mrs MSN Taylor, and Mr IC West.

Mrs AB Barker, Mr TW Carbin, Miss M F de Rhé-Philipe and Mrs G Hill also attended the meeting.

74. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Newbury and Mr RM Willan.

75. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** A summary version of the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 June 2003 was presented.

76. **Petitions**

- (1) **Melksham: Change to Mini Bus Service in Melksham** At the beginning of this item, Mrs J Kinder and Mr Hodder, residents of Melksham, asked a question and made a statement respectively about the Melksham Town Bus Service to which the Chairman responded.

On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and on hearing the views of Mrs AB Barker, the local member,

Resolved:

(1) *To note that:-*

- (i) *the new contract for the Melksham Town service had already been awarded to the "First" bus company for the reasons given and that it would therefore not be possible to retain Frome Minibuses on this service, and*
- (ii) *the new contract would be monitored to ensure that the new contractor operated the service to at least the same standard as that specified in the contract operated by Frome Minibuses.*

(2) *To request the officers to write to all members of the Committee after three months to inform them on the progress of the monitoring arrangements.*

(3) *To advise the petitioners accordingly.*

- (2) **Melksham: Forest Road Pedestrian Crossing** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and on hearing the views of Mrs AB Barker, the local member,

Resolved:

(1) *To not accede to the request for a pedestrian crossing in Forest Road, Melksham as it is not considered to be necessary in view of the traffic calming measures and 20 mph speed limit recently installed in the vicinity of the shop.*

(2) *To advise the petitioners accordingly.*

- (3) **Trowbridge: Wiltshire Drive – Traffic Calming, Signing & White Lining** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and on hearing the views of Mrs G Hill, the local member,

Resolved:

(1) *To erect signs on Wiltshire Drive, Trowbridge warning drivers of the likelihood of encountering children crossing to school or the play area.*

(2) *To place hazard warning white lines around the bends in Wiltshire Drive.*

(3) *To add the request for yellow lines to the list of sites to be considered in the 2004 Annual Traffic Regulation Order Review.*

(4) *To add traffic calming in Wiltshire Drive to the list of requests to be assessed for Local Transport Plan funding.*

(5) *To refer the request for fencing at the entrance to the play area to West Wiltshire District Council.*

(6) *To advise the petitioners accordingly.*

77. **A303 Stonehenge Improvement** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

(1) *To advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 prohibiting motorised vehicles from using the A344 between Airman's Corner and Byway Amesbury 12 and Byways within the World*

Heritage Site, subject to confirmation of the A303 Stonehenge Improvement Scheme Orders.

- (2) *To seek a commitment from the Highways Agency that it would contribute to the cost of any necessary repairs to bring the condition of the tunnel diversion route up to a suitable standard and also contribute to the costs of junction improvements on the route.*
- (3) *To seek a further commitment from the Highways Agency that it would review the proposed tunnel maintenance procedures to ensure that the instances of tunnel closure and the use of the local diversion route would be reduced to an absolute minimum.*

78. **A350 Melksham – Semington Diversion Traffic Regulation Orders and Other Cycleway/Footway Conversions** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: *Under the provisions of Sections 66(4) (to extinguish) and 65(1) (to construct) of the Highways Act 1980, to convert the following lengths of footway to cycle track (shared use path):-*

- ***Superseded A350 Semington Road at Outmarsh, Melksham Without** - between a point 330 metres and 355 metres north of the centre of the Canal Bridge*
- ***A350 Western Way and Semington Road, Melksham** - from the Toucan crossing on Western Way to the junction with Longford Road*
- ***A363 Bradford on Avon to Trowbridge** - from a point 38 metres south-east of the centre of the Canal Bridge, Bradford on Avon, to a point 40 metres north-west of the junction with Westwood Road, Trowbridge*
- ***Lambrook Road, Trowbridge** - from the junction with Azalea Drive to its junction with Manor Road*

79. **Roundway/Devizes: Byway 18, Green Lane – Prohibition of Driving Order (2003)** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To introduce the Prohibition of Driving Order on Green Lane as advertised.*
- (2) *To inform the objector and the developer accordingly.*

80. **Westbury: Coach Road – Objection to the Amendment of the Prohibition of Driving Order** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To make the proposed amendment to the Prohibition of Driving Order on Coach Road, Westbury as advertised.*

(2) *To inform the objectors accordingly.*

81. **Landford: Development of a Permanent Inert Waste Material Recycling Facility and Waste Transfer Station for the Production of Recycled Aggregates, Soils and Soil-making Material at Giles Lane Industrial Estate for G Farwell Ltd. (S.03.0644)** At the beginning of this item, Mr R Wood, a resident of Landford and Cllr L Randall, local District Councillor, made statements urging refusal of planning permission to which the Chairman responded.

On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: *To refuse planning permission for the reasons set out in the Director's report.*

82. **Bradford on Avon: Retention of a Double Mobile Classroom with Toilets at St Laurence School, Ashley Road (W.03.0947.CP)** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: *To grant planning permission, subject to the conditions set out in the Director's report.*

83. **Amesbury: Bridleway 11 – Objections to Modification Order** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To submit the Order upgrading Amesbury bridleway No. 11 to a byway open to all traffic to the Secretary of State with the recommendation that it be confirmed without modification.*
- (2) *Should the Order be confirmed, to request the officers to monitor the use and condition of the byway open to all traffic with a view to taking appropriate measures to deal with any issues which might arise.*

84. **Cricklade: Proposed Extinguishment of Parts of Public Footpath 40** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: *To make an Order under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, extinguishing parts of Public Footpath 40, Cricklade, on the routes shown by solid black lines A-B-C and D-E on the plan attached at Appendix 1 to the Director's report.*

85. **West Grimstead: Proposed Addition of Footpath 26 to Definitive Map** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: *To submit to the Secretary of State the Order to add a new footpath No 26 at West Grimstead, together with the objection letter, with the recommendation that the Order be confirmed without modification.*

86. **Commons Registration Act 1965 (as amended): Application for the Registration of a Town or Village Green: West Dean Village Green, West Dean** At the beginning of this item, Mr F Morland, a resident of Chapmanslade, made a statement to which the Chairman responded.

On considering a report by the Director of Corporate Services, together with a letter from Lt Col H Morgan, the owner of Red Lion House, West Dean, whose land is affected by the application,

Resolved: To agree that the prejudice to Lt Col Morgan and his family by delaying dealing with the application is greater than the prejudice to West Dean Parish Council by deferring consideration of the application until judgement in the Trap Grounds Case currently being pursued by Oxfordshire County Council, and, accordingly, to approve the following recommendations as set out in the Inspector's First Report:-

- (1) To reject the Applicant's Application for a deferment until the Regulations are made.
- (2) To reject the Application in relation to such part of the Application Land as lies within the boundaries of Mr & Mrs Morgan's registered title.
- (3) To accede to the Application in relation to such part of the Application Land as lies outside the boundaries of Mr & Mrs Morgan's registered title.
- (4) To cancel the proposed Public Inquiry as being unnecessary.
- (5) To confirm that the reasons for part rejection of the Application are for the reasons set out in the Inspector's Report dated 25 April 2003.

87. **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. 88 and 89 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

88. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 June 2003.

89. **Request for Free Transport from Melksham to Devizes Secondary School** On considering a confidential report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: To provide free transport from Melksham to Devizes School until July 2007 for MM to complete her compulsory education.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am –11.35am)

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