

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee



13 March 2017 at 2.00 pm

Members Present:-

Councillors: Peter Abraham (Chair), Tim Kent (Vice-Chair), Donald Alexander, Charlie Bolton, Paul Goggin, Mike Langley and Jon Wellington

Officers in Attendance:-

Nancy Rollason (Service Manager Legal), Anne Nugent (Legal Officer), Duncan Venison (Network Operations Manager) and Louise deCordova (Democratic Services Officer)

Exempt in part and not for Publication Section - 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Act (as amended), under Category 5 – Information in respect of which a claim for legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings

1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information

The Chair led the welcome and introductions.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson. Cllr Goggin attended in substitute.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Committee Resolved:



That the Minutes of the Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee AGM held on 12 December 2016, be confirmed as a correct record.

5. Public Forum

The Committee noted the public forum statement received from Cllr Sergeant in respect of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields.

6. Public Rights of Way : Current Claims, Inquiries and Miscellaneous Rights of Way Matters

The Committee considered an information report of the Service Director for Transport, which outlined the present position with regard to claims under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; public inquiries; and miscellaneous rights of way orders, agreements and legal proceedings, presented by the Network Operations Manager.

The Committee Resolved to note the report.

7. Town or Village Green applications update

The Committee considered an information report of the Commons Registration Authority, which outlined the present position with regard to Town or Village Green (TVG) applications duly made under the Commons Act 2006.

The Committee Resolved to note the report.

8. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee Resolved that under Section.100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Act (as amended), under Category 5 – Information in respect of which a claim for legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

To discuss privileged legal advice.

9. Guidance and Briefing on Decision Making

The Committee received and considered a confidential legal briefing paper in respect of the PROWG decision to Register Stoke Lodge.



RESOLVED (4 members voting, with 2 against, and with 1 abstention):

That the Committee approves the recommendation: Agree to reconsider the decision, this involves the following:

- a. To take the decision in principle to reconsider the application to register Stoke Lodge as a Town and Village green**
- b. To hold an Extraordinary meeting of the Committee to enable that to happen**
- c. As the first item of the Extraordinary meeting, to ratify the in principle decision to rescind the previous decision and reconsider it, allowing the public to participate in this decision.**

Meeting ended at 3.30 pm

CHAIR _____

