

STRATEGIC AND TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023

Present: Cllrs John Worth (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Shane Bartlett, Kelvin Clayton, Jean Dunseith, Sherry Jespersen, Belinda Ridout and David Tooke

Apologies: Cllrs Robin Cook, Dave Bolwell, Alex Brenton and Mike Dyer

Cabinet Leads in attendance: Cllr David Walsh

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Philip Crowther (Legal Business Partner - Regulatory), Mike Garrity (Head of Planning), Carol McKay (Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer), Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice)

Officers present remotely (for all or part of the meeting):

75. **Appointment of Vice Chair for meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Worth, seconded by Cllr Jespersen.

Decision: that Cllr Bartlett be appointed Vice-Chair for the duration of the meeting.

76. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2023 were confirmed and signed.

77. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

78. **Application to divert Footpath 22, Wimborne Minster**

The report to consider an application to divert part of Footpath 22, Wimborne Minster under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA) as it was affected by development, was presented by the Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer. The application had come to committee as part of the affected land was registered to Dorset Council. The proposal was unopposed, and the legal tests were regarded to have been fulfilled, therefore the application was recommended for approval.

The Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer advised that the new route had been partly constructed and highlighted the various connecting points and views via a powerpoint presentation.

The recommendation was that the Order be approved and if no objections were received, be confirmed by Dorset.

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Oral representation was received in support of the application from Adam Ford, the agent for the applicant.

There were no member questions other than to confirm that the application had come to committee as Dorset Council owned part of the land, and that best use had been made of the development land as required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and that it was in accordance to move footpaths in order to accommodate that. The Legal Business Partner, Regulatory advised that the application for a footpath was considered under a different statutory test than the NPPF.

Proposed by Cllr Shane Bartlett, seconded by Cllr Belinda Ridout.

Decision that:

The application to divert part of Footpath 22, Wimborne Minster be accepted and an order made;

The Order included provisions to modify the definitive map and statement to record the changes made as a consequence of the diversion; and

If the Order was unopposed, and was considered to meet the legal tests it be confirmed by the Council.

If the Order was opposed, but the objections are not relevant to the legal tests, it be submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation without further reference to Committee.

79. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

80. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.25 am

Chairman

