

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

COMMONS AND VILLAGE GREEN REGISTRATION PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Commons and Village Green Registration Panel held at County Hall, Lewes, on 11 February 2009.

PRESENT- Councillors Ost, Tunwell and Whetstone

1. REPORTS

1.1 Copies of the reports and documents referred to below are contained in the minute book.

2. CHAIRMAN

2.1 Councillor Tunwell was elected as Chairman.

3. PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR LAND AT SOUTH SAXONS, ST LEONARDS ON SEA TO BE REGISTERED AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

3.1 The Panel considered a report by the Director of Law and Personnel.

Reason for decision

3.2 Following publication of notices stating that the applicant has applied to withdraw his application, no objection has been received.

3.3 RESOLVED that the County Council agrees to the applicant's request to withdraw the application and takes no further action on this case.

4. APPLICATION FOR LAND AT THE GREEN, KINGSTON TO BE REGISTERED AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

4.1 The Panel considered a report by the Director of Law and Personnel.

Reason for decision

4.2 The Panel concluded that there was sufficient supporting evidence to satisfy the statutory test and there were no objections.

4.3 RESOLVED to accept the application pursuant to section 13 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 of the Kingston Parish Council to have The Green, Kingston registered as a town or village green.

5. APPLICATION FOR LAND AT SNEDNORE, KINGSTON TO BE REGISTERED AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

5.1 The Panel considered a report by the Director of Law and Personnel.

Reason for decision

5.2 The Panel concluded that there was insufficient supporting evidence of use by a significant number of 'local inhabitants'

5.3 RESOLVED to reject the application pursuant to section 13 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 of the Kingston Parish Council to have Snednore, Kingston registered as a town or village green.

6. APPLICATION FOR LAND AT THE FORMER ROYAL OAK PUBLIC HOUSE, BECKLEY TO BE REGISTERED AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

6.1 The Panel considered a report by the Director of Law and Personnel.

6.2 The Panel was advised that the local Member supported the application by Beckley Parish Council.

Reason for decision

6.3 The Panel rejected the application for the reasons set out in the Inspector's report; that significant numbers of local inhabitants have not indulged in lawful sports and pastimes on the application land, to the required level, throughout the period of 20 years necessary for the application to succeed.

6.4 RESOLVED to (1) reject the application pursuant to section 15 of the Commons Act 2006 of Mr Baverstock on behalf of the Beckley Parish Council to have land at the former Royal Oak Public House, Beckley registered as a town or village green; and

(2) strongly suggest that the East Sussex County Council urge the landowner to formally dedicate as a village green the land to be retained as amenity space in the proposed development.