

Minutes of the Countryside and Rights of Way Panel Meeting held on 19 April 2024

Present: Mark Winnington (Chair)

Attendance	
Jak Abrahams	Paul Snape
Robert Pritchard	Carolyn Trowbridge
David Smith (Vice-Chair)	Jill Waring

Part One

Chairman's Question

Upon opening the meeting, the Chair asked for a general update of the Countryside & Rights of Way workload given there was only 1 item for discussion in today's Committee. The Officer confirmed the backlog is being worked on as quickly as possible.

56. Apologies

57. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

58. Minutes of meeting held on 15th March 2024

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

59. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Application to Upgrade Public Footpath 10 Waterhouses Parish to a Restricted Byway

The Panel considered a report from the Director for Corporate Services for an application to upgrade Public Footpath 10 Waterhouses Parish to a Restricted Byway.

The report was presented verbally to take Members through the historical evidence relevant to the application. Members were made aware that they should examine the evidence in its totality. During their consideration of the application, Members had regard to the Appendices attached to the report including:

- Copy of application and associated submitted letters and documents
- Plan of claimed route
- Copy of 1823 Justices Order to stop up and divert part of the highway known as Roods Lane
- Mayfield: Calton Township Tithe Map dated 1848
- Blore: Calton Township Tithe Map dated 1848
- Waterfall: Calton Township Tithe Map dated 1848
- A Staffordshire County Council survey of rights of way statement with accompanying draft map dated 27th November 1954
- A copy of an email dated 20th April 2017 and Map from the National Library of Scotland with accompanying Staffordshire XIV.6 Map dated 1881
- Staffordshire County Council Survey of Rights of Way dated 7th April 1952
- Freedom of information request letter and subsequent email. Letter dated 31st March 2017
- Extract and Key from O.S. map for Dovedale and Tissington, 1:25000 Pathfinder series
- Additional Evidence Supplied by the applicant: Extract from 1910 Finance Act Map, Greenwoods map dated 1828, Bartholow Maps and Keys Dated 1902, 1924, 1941

Decided – That (a) the evidence submitted by the applicant and that discovered by the County Council was sufficient to show that a right of way with the status of a Restricted Byway and marked A to B on the plan attached at Appendix B of this report subsists.

(b) an Order be made to upgrade the right of way shown marked A to B on the plan attached at Appendix B to a Restricted Byway on the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the District of Staffordshire Moorlands.

Delegated Decisions

A member of the Panel asked the officers if any Delegated Decisions were due for discussion. It was agreed by the Chair that any Delegated Decisions are to be added as an agenda item for any future meetings.

Chair