

AGENDA

Regulatory Committee

Date: Tuesday 5 October 2010

Time: **2.00 pm**

Place: The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,

Hereford

Notes: Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting.

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Regulatory Committee

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Regulatory Committee held at The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on Tuesday 7 September 2010 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor JW Hope MBE (Chairman)

Councillor PGH Cutter (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: CM Bartrum, SPA Daniels, JHR Goodwin, RC Hunt,

Brig P Jones CBE, PJ McCaull, GA Powell and A Seldon

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

39. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes present at the meeting.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

10. DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER'S LICENCE - MATTER REGARDING THE HOLDER OF A DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976.

Councillor A Seldon, Prejudicial.

Mrs C Berrow (Officer), Prejudicial.

14. MATTER REGARDING THE HOLDER OF A DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER'S LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976.

Councillor GA Powell, Prejudicial.

41. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. EVENING VISIT TO TOWN CENTRE VENUES IN HEREFORD BY MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND POLICE

Members thanked the Police for allowing the Committee to be escorted throughout the city centre in order to monitor issues dealt with by police in respect of licensing matters on a regular basis. They also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Superintendent Kevin Purcell.

43. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

To note the procedural arrangements.

44. APPLICATION TO LICENCE A VEHICLE OUTSIDE STANDARD CONDITION BY MR ISSAM BAIRKDAR

The Licensing Officer introduced a report about an application from Mr Bairkdar to renew a hackney carriage hire vehicle licence outside the Councils standard condition 9.5 which stipulated that an application for the renewal of a vehicle licence after it had expired would be treated as a new application. She said that Mr Bairkdar's licence had expired in September 2008.

Mr Bairkdar advised the Committee that his previous vehicle had been replaced with a newer vehicle which had been registered in 2004.

Having considered the matter, the Committee decided that in view of the particular circumstances involved, Mr Bairkdar's licence should not be renewed and that he should apply for a new licence in accordance with the Council's Standard Condition 3.1.

RESOLVED:

THAT the application be refused.

45. APPLICATION TO LICENCE A VEHICLE OUTSIDE STANDARD CONDITION 5.2 (I) BY MR CHRISTOPHER RICHARDS

The Licensing Officer introduced a report about an application from Mr Richards to renew a hackney carriage hire vehicle licence outside the Councils standard condition 5.2. She advised that the vehicle was deemed acceptable to the Licensing Authority.

Mr Richards advised the Committee that the vehicle benefited from secure rear seats and not the collapsible seats which had raised concerns to the Licensing Authority previously.

Having considered the matter, the Committee decided that in view of the particular circumstances involved, Mr Richards' licence could be renewed.

RESOLVED

That the Committee allow this vehicle to have "grandfather rights" on this occasion outside of the standard conditions.

That Officers named in the scheme of delegation to Officers be permitted to approve applications for licenses in respect of similar vehicles.

46. APPLICATION TO LICENCE A VEHICLE OUTSIDE STANDARD CONDITION 5.2 (I) BY MR STEPHEN DAVID WILLIAMS

The Committee noted that the vehicle in question was the same as the vehicle approved in the previous agenda item. The application could therefore be dealt with under delegated powers.

RESOLVED

That Officers named under the scheme of delegation to Officers be permitted to allow this vehicle to have "grandfather rights" on this occasion outside of the standard conditions.

47. DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER'S LICENCE - MATTER REGARDING THE HOLDER OF A DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

The applicant submitted a number of documents for the Committee to take into consideration in respect of his application. The Chairman adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes to ensure that Members had sufficient time to read the documents. The Committee also received a document from the Police regarding the applicant's previous convictions.

The Principal Lawyer and the Regulatory Services Manager referred to agenda item No. 10 regarding the fit and proper status of the applicant to continue to hold a dual hackney carriage/private hire licence following his recent suspension. The applicant provided the Committee with the reasons why he felt that he should continue to hold a licence.

The applicant and his representative provided the Committee with details of the circumstances regarding his recent conviction, which had resulted in his licence being suspended.

Jim Mooney, representing West Mercia Police, presented the police account of the events surrounding the applicant's conviction.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Regulatory Services Manager and the applicant, the Committee decided that the applicant was no longer cumulatively a fit and proper person under the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that his application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence should be revoked.

RESOLVED:

That the applicant has ceased to be a fit and proper person and;

The applicant's dual driver's licence be revoked.

48. APPLICATION FOR DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER'S LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

The Principal Lawyer and the Licensing Officer referred to agenda item No. 11 regarding an application for a dual hackney carriage/private hire licence.

The applicant provided the Committee with details of the circumstances regarding his previous conviction and he explained the reasons why he felt that he should be granted a licence.

Members noted the nature of the applicant's previous conviction.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Licensing Officer and the applicant, the Committee decided that the applicant was a fit and proper person under the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that his application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence could be granted.

RESOLVED:

That the Regulatory Services Manager be delegated to grant an application for a dual hackney carriage/private hire drivers licence.

49. APPLICATION FOR DUAL HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

The Principal Lawyer and the Licensing Officer referred to agenda item No. 12 regarding an application for a dual hackney carriage/private hire licence.

The applicant provided the Committee with details of the circumstances regarding his previous convictions and he explained the reasons why he felt that he should be granted a licence. He explained the reason why he had omitted to declare his previous convictions on the application form.

Jim Mooney, representing West Mercia Police, presented the police accounts of the events surrounding the applicant's previous convictions.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Licensing Officer and the applicant, the Committee decided that the applicant was a fit and proper person under the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that his application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence could be granted.

RESOLVED:

That the Regulatory Services Manager be delegated to grant an application for a dual hackney carriage/private hire drivers licence.

The applicant's version of events put before the committee should, where at all possible, be substantiated by officers and bought back to the committee's attention if found not to be correct.

50. APPLICATION FOR A DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER'S LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

Prior to the hearing the applicant and the Committee received a document from West Mercia Police containing details of records held by the police in respect of the applicant.

The Principal Lawyer and the Licensing Officer referred to agenda item No. 13 regarding an application for a dual hackney carriage/private hire licence.

The applicant provided the Committee with details of the circumstances regarding his previous convictions and he explained the reasons why he felt that he should be granted a licence. He explained the reason why he had omitted to declare his previous convictions on the application form.

Jim Mooney, representing West Mercia Police, presented the police accounts of the events surrounding the applicant's previous convictions.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Licensing Officer and the applicant, the Committee decided that the applicant was not a fit and proper person under the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that his application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence should be refused.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a dual driver's licence be refused. The Committee would however entertain a new application in 12 months from the date of this meeting.

51. MATTER REGARDING THE HOLDER OF A DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER'S LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

Prior to the hearing the applicant and the Committee received a document from West Mercia Police containing details of records held by the police in respect of the applicant.

The Principal Lawyer and the Regulatory Services Manager referred to agenda item No. 14 regarding the driver's recent suspension as a dual hackney carriage/private hire licence holder.

Jim Mooney, representing West Mercia Police, presented the police accounts of the events surrounding the applicant's previous convictions as well as additional details regarding complaints made to the police which had not resulted in further action.

The applicant and his representative addressed the Committee in respect of the applicant's current suspension.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Licensing Officer, the police representative and the applicant, the Committee decided that the applicant's dual driver's licence should continue to be suspended.

RESOLVED:

That the applicant's dual driver's licence remains suspended until the outcome of the current police investigation is known.

The meeting ended at 5.10 pm

CHAIRMAN



MEETING:	REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE:	5TH OCTOBER 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 119. PROPOSED PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER FOOTPATH CD83 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF CRADLEY
PORTFOLIO AREA:	

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

Hope End

Purpose

To seek Regulatory Committee approval for the making of an order through the powers of the Highways Act 1980, Section 119 to divert footpath CD83 (part) in the parish of Cradley.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT Committee agree to make an order to divert the footpath CD83 (part) under Highways Act, section 119 as illustrated on the attached plan (DRWG No D326/99-83(ii).

Key Points Summary

- An application to divert footpath CD83 (part) was received in February 1999.
- A pre-order consultation was sent out to user groups and statutory undertakers in 2002, to which there were no objections.
- Ordnance Survey redrew the mapping around The Mallings necessitating the plan to be redrawn and therefore re-consulted, again there were no objections.
- The proposals then remained in the backlog of diversions until 2010 when it was felt that as such a length of time had elapsed since the last consultation, they should be consulted again.
- There was one objection from the Open Spaces Society, they requested that the line was slightly straightened to remove an unnecessary change of direction.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Will Steel on (01432) 845980

• The applicant agreed to the amendments and the objection was removed.

Alternative Options

Under the Highways Act 1980, s119, the Council has powers to make diversion orders, it does not have a duty to do so. The Council could decide not to make this order, however, this may be perceived as acting unreasonably by the applicant due to the consultations being made 3 times and the length of time taken to reach decision making stage.

Reasons for Recommendations

The recommendation is to make an order to divert the footpath CD83 as illustrated on the attached plan (DRWG No D326/99-83(ii) and applied for by the landowner of The Mallings, Cradley in order to increase the privacy and convenience of the property. The proposals have been sent to consultation three times to which only one objection was received, however, the proposals were amended and the objection was then removed. It is therefore unlikely that the proposals would sustain objections if an order was made. The applicant has agreed to pay the costs associated with the making of this order.

Introduction and Background

Before an order is made to divert a footpath under the Highways Act, it is necessary to gain a decision from the Regulatory Committee as they have the delegated authority to make this decision.

Key Considerations

- An application to divert path CD83 (part) was received from the landowner of The Mallings, Cradley, Mr Townsend, in 1999.
- The order was sent to pre-order consultation with statutory undertakers and user groups in 2002, to which there were no objections.
- Whilst drawing up the paper-work ready to make the order, it was discovered that the Ordnance Survey had re-drawn the mapping around the diversion site and it was decided that it was necessary to re-consult with users and statutory undertakers (2003). There were no objections to this consultation.
- Due to staffing issues the file remained within the backlog of diversions until it reached the top of the list and the applicant was approached to see if he still wished to divert the path in February 2010. Mr Townsend was still keen to progress the matter.
- It was decided that, as the consultations were carried out some 7 years previously, it would be necessary to send them out again.
- There was only one objection to the proposals which was from the Open Spaces Society (OSS) representative, who requested a slight variation to the proposals so that there were no 'counter-intuitive changes of direction'. The applicant agreed to the request and the OSS have now agreed to the removal of the objection.
- In the view of the officers the key criteria in section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 have been met in that the new route is more convenient to the landowner, it is not substantially less convenient to users and it does not alter any termination points.

Community Impact

11 Cradley Parish Council do not hold any objections to the proposals and neither of the Local Members, Cllr. Mills (at the time) and Cllr. Stockton had any objections.

Financial Implications

The applicant, Mr Townsend has agreed to pay for administration and advertising costs plus costs of any works necessary in bringing the path into being. However, he will only be charged the price of the admin costs at the time of application ie £600, not the current rate of £800. Mr. Townsend will also not be charged for the repeated consultations. Any costs beyond this will be met by the public rights of way budgets

Legal Implications

16 If the Committee resolves to make an order as suggested, the Order will be made under the Highways Act 1980, s 119. Herefordshire Council have the appropriate powers to make an order.

Risk Management

- 17 If an order is made to divert footpath CD83 as recommended within this report, there is a risk that the order will receive objections and would therefore require referral to the Secretary of State. However, this risk has been minimised by assessing user group and statutory undertaker opinion at pre-order consultation stage, to which the only objection received has been adequately resolved.
- The making of diversion orders under HA1980, s119. is a power of the Authority not a duty. The Committee could, therefore decline to make an order and reject this report. However, this would necessitate the re-opening of the path through the garden of 'The Mallings', impacting on the privacy and enjoyment of the landowners of this property.

Consultees

19 List Prescribed organisations as per DEFRA Rights of Way Circular 1/09

Statutory undertakers

Cradley Parish Council

Cllr. Mills

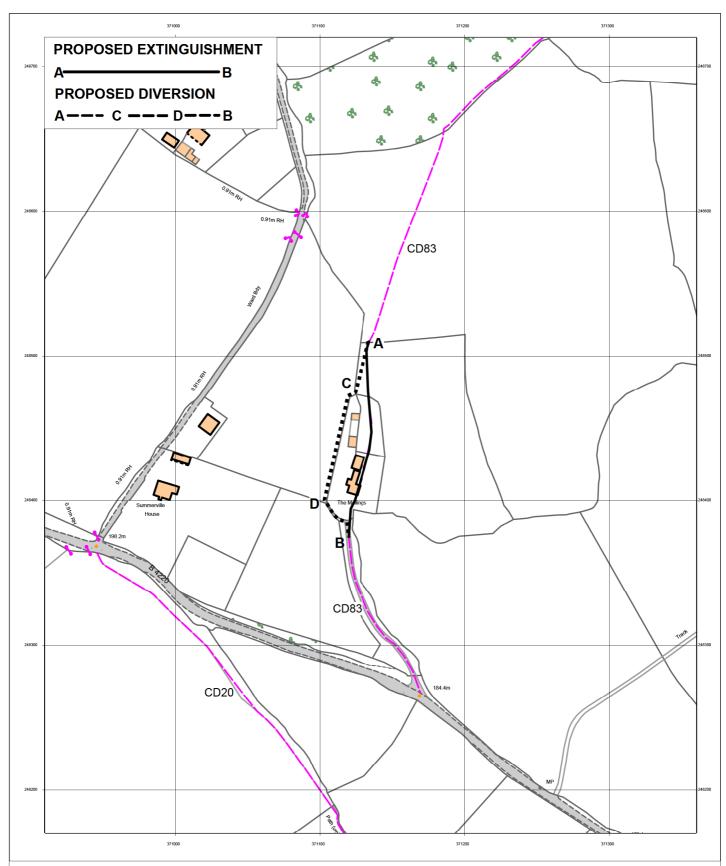
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Appendices

20 None

Background Papers

21 Plan, DRWG No: D326/99-83(i)





LOCATION PLAN - Parish of Cradley Proposed diversion of footpath CD83 (part)



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- 1. Introduction by Legal Advisor to the Committee.
- 2. Licensing Officer outlines the case.
- 3. Applicant (or his solicitor) sets out his case.
- 4. Questions asked by the Committee or Licensing Officer or Applicant.
- 5. Applicant (or his solicitor) asked if he would like to make further comment or representation, or if he requires time to comment or investigate (if so, Chairman defers application).
- 6. In dealing with each application, the applicant (and any representative) should also withdraw should be asked to withdraw when they have finished their presentation. All officers, other than the Legal Adviser to the Committee, should also withdraw. It would be preferable for the applicant and officers to await the decision at different locations.
- 7. If either the applicant or the officer are needed to furnish additional information, they should all be invited back before the Committee. When the additional information has been furnished, they should all be asked to leave again.
- 8. The Committee can then reach a decision in the usual way, but in the absence of parties.
- 9. The applicant and officers will then be invited to return. The Chairman will announce the decision. The Chairman should also say that the decision will be communicated in writing in due course, and that the applicant will be informed of any right of appeal (if the decision is one of refusal).
- 10. When the first applicant is finished, that applicant should leave. Deal with the second and subsequent applications in the same way.

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