

**MINUTES of the meeting of Regulatory Committee held at  
The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,  
Hereford on Tuesday, 4th July, 2006 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor R.I. Matthews (Chairman)  
Councillor Brig. P. Jones CBE (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs. S.P.A. Daniels, D.J. Fleet, J.G.S. Guthrie,  
J.W. Hope MBE, T.W. Hunt, J.W. Newman, R. Preece, D.C. Taylor and  
P.G. Turpin

**In attendance:** Councillors P.J. Edwards

**11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors G.W. Davis and Brig. P. Jones C.B.E.

**12. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)**

There were no named substitutes present at the meeting.

**13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**14. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May, 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**15. HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 119. PROPOSED PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER FOOTPATH CG3 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF CODDINGTON**

A report was presented by the Rights of Way Manager to confirm a Public Path Diversion Order to divert part of Footpath CG3 in the parish of Coddington under the Highways Act 1980, Section 119. He advised that an application had been made to divert the footpath from the garden of the applicant's property, and away from a quarry that had been excavated across the path. He said that it was felt by the officers that the diversion met the tests set out in s.119 of the Highways Act in that it benefits the owner of the land crossed by the path and it is not substantially less convenient to the public. He felt that an order should therefore be made. Having considered all the facts in respect of the diversion, the Committee agreed with the course of action suggested.

**RESOLVED:**

**That a public path diversion order is made in respect of footpath CG3 in the parish of Coddington under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980**

**16. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE REVIEW OF CONDITIONS, INTRODUCTION OF A TAXI POLICY AND PENALTY POINTS SCHEME UPDATE**

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT the report be received and noted.**

**17. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee noted the procedural arrangements for hearing appeals to ensure that the laws of natural justice were followed to give a fair hearing for applicants and to the Licensing Officers.

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the following items will not be, or are likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time they are considered.**

**RESOLVED: that under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as indicated below**

**These items disclose information relating to any particular applicant for or recipient of or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority.**

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

The Licensing officer provided the Committee with the details of an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence which had been referred to the Committee because the applicant had a previous conviction.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Licensing Officer, the Committee decided that she was a fit and proper person under the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that the Licence should be renewed.

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

The Licensing Officer provided the Committee with the circumstances which had given rise to an application for a dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence being referred to the Committee. The Committee felt that the application could not be determined in the applicant's absence, as a number of considerations had arisen during the debate. The Committee therefore deferred the application until the next meeting of the Regulatory Committee in order to give the applicant an opportunity to address them in response to the points raised.

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

The Licensing Officer provided the Committee with the circumstances which had given rise to an application for a dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence being referred to the Committee. The applicant gave an explanation of his personal circumstances, his previous conviction, and explained why he felt that his application

should be granted. The applicant's employer submitted a written reference supporting his application.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Licensing Officer, the Committee decided that she was a fit and proper person under the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that the Licence should be renewed.

The meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN**