

# Minutes

of the Special Meeting of the

## Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee

### Wednesday, 27th January 2016

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 12 Noon Meeting Concluded: 12.30 p.m.

#### Councillors:

P Ann Harley (Chairman)

P Karen Barclay

P James Tonkin

P Terry Porter

A Nick Wilton

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

#### Officers in attendance:

Elaine Bowman, Development and Environment, Penny Price, Development and Environment, Tim Nelson, Corporate Services

#### **PRW Public Participation (Agenda Item 1 6**

Steve Lamb, representing Tarmac, the applicant for PPO 166 – Public Path Diversion Order, Stancombe Quarry, Backwell, spoke in favour of the application. It is the applicant's belief that the diversion is necessary, and the redirected bridleway would be improved.

#### **PRW Declarations of Interest by Members (Agenda Item 3) 7**

None

#### **PRW Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 (Agenda Item 4) 8**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

#### **PRW PPO 166 – Public Path Diversion Order, Stancombe Quarry, Backwell 9 (Agenda Item 6)**

The representative of the Director of Development and Environment stated that the diversion order had been approved on the grounds that the diversion was needed for the extension of the quarry. There had been two objections, one had been withdrawn and one remains outstanding. The outstanding objection is on the grounds that the diversion would increase the time it would take the objector to walk to work. The objector had

submitted alternatives, but these were not considered feasible by the applicant. The officer's recommendation is that the diversion order be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State.

Councillors Terry Porter, James Tonkin and Karen Barclay spoke in favour of the diversion order.

**Resolved:**

- i) That the Committee approve the submission of the following opposed Public Path Diversion Order to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs with a request for confirmation: 'North Somerset Council (Part of Bridleway LA 2/10, south of the current Stancombe Quarry, between Backwell Hill Road and Bourton Combe, Backwell) Public Path Diversion Order No. 4 2015'
- ii) That the Committee approve the council's promotion of the Diversion Order in any subsequent proceedings

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Chairman

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