PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 13th May, 2025.

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<u>Present</u>: Councillor P. Drake (Chair); Councillor J.M. Norman (Vice-Chair); Councillors G. Bruce, L. Burnett; V.P. Driscoll; C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, H.C. Hamilton; W.A. Hennessy, N.B. Marshallsea; M.J.G. Morgan; R. Sivagnanam and S.T. William.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE -

This was received from Councillor M.R. Wilkinson.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

Councillors P. Drake, M. Morgan and H. Hamilton declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 – Application to register land at Glebe Fields, South Road, Sully as a town or village green under section 15 of the Commons Act 2006 – because the land was managed by the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee. The Councillors were all members of the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee, with Councillor Drake being its Vice-Chair. These Councillors had therefore been advised by the relevant officers to declare an interest and leave the meeting for Item 3 as a precautionary measure.

AGENDA ITEM 3. APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AT GLEBE FIELDS, SOUTH ROAD, SULLY AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE COMMONS ACT 2006 (MO/ HLDS) –

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT a non-statutory public inquiry be convened to consider the Application.
- (2) T H A T the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be granted delegated power to appoint a legally qualified and suitably experienced independent chairperson to hold a non-statutory public inquiry to consider the Application.
- (3) THAT the cost of appointing counsel to chair the non-statutory public inquiry, and any costs ancillary thereto, be met from Legal Services budget.
- (4) THAT at the conclusion of the non-statutory public inquiry, the chairperson shall be requested to produce a report for the Commons Registration Authority which considers the evidence submitted in support and against the Application together

with the evidence heard at the inquiry and to provide a recommendation to this Committee whether or not to register the Land as Town or Village Green under the Act.

(5) T H A T a further report be presented to this Committee upon receipt of the chairperson's report following the non-statutory public inquiry in order to determine the Application.

Reason for decisions

(1–5) In order for the Council as Commons Registration Authority to discharge and adopt a fair and transparent procedure to determine the Application in accordance with the relevant legislation.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC -

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DISCIPLINARY FOR A CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – M. (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION PARAGRAPHS – 12, 13 AND 14) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Committee was satisfied that the applicant remained a fit and proper person to hold the licence, but that a further warning be issued to the driver in relation to the requirement to disclose convictions in accordance with the driver conditions, as well as on renewal application forms. Also that the driver be advised that assistance should be sort formally rather than by attending the office on a 'drop in' basis.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the information provided in the report and at the meeting, and to ensure that Driver M. understands the requirements of their license, and the correct way to access assistance from officers, if needed.