

# **REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

## **GENERAL REPORT**

1. The General Purposes Committee has met once on 15 March 2007 since the last Ordinary Council meeting and this report summarises briefly the matters dealt with at the meeting.

### **Highways Act 1980 – Proposed Diversion of part of Public Footpaths 76 and 80 and Extinguishment of part of Public Footpath 79 at Coppull**

2. The Committee considered a report of the Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services on a proposal submitted to the Lancashire County Council for the diversion of lengths of Public Footpaths Nos 76 and 80 in conjunction with the extinguishment of a length of Public Footpath No 79 at Coppull.
3. A request has been made by the landowner for authority to divert lengths of Public Footpath Nos 76 and 80 from their current routes leading to and through Bogburn Hall Farm, Coppull to new routes to the south of the farm building, skirting the periphery of the site. These diversions will render the northernmost length of Public Footpath No 79 redundant which can, therefore be extinguished.
4. At the request of a Member of the Committee, at the previous meeting, this item had been deferred pending further consideration of the proposals and to take into account Coppull Parish Council's opinion on the consultation, following its meeting with appropriate County Council officers.
5. The Parish Council has now met and resolved to offer no objection to the proposal. The Committee therefore agreed that no objection be raised to the making by the Lancashire County Council of a Public Footpath Extinguishment Order under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980.

### **Highways Act 1980 – Section 26 and 118 Proposed Creation of Public Footpath and Extinguishment of Part of Public Footpath Nos 6 and 8 Ulnes Walton, Chorley Borough**

6. The Committee considered a report of the Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services on a proposal submitted by the Lancashire County Council for the creation of a Public Footpath in conjunction with the extinguishment of a length of Public Footpath Nos 6 and 8 Ulnes Walton.
7. The report indicated that the length of Footpath No 8 that ran along the bank of a river had been washed away and because of the tendency for the river to overflow its banks at this location, the County Council consider that in order to preserve the public footpath system in this area the best solution is to extinguish the majority of the Public Footpath No 8 and create a replacement footpath further to the south on ground not vulnerable to flooding.
8. The Committee agreed that no objection be raised to the making by Lancashire County Council of a Public Footpath Extinguishment Order under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980.

### **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Part III Claim for Definitive Map Modification Order Application No 804/449 (Brinscall, Wheelton and Heapey)**

9. The Committee considered a report of the Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services on a claim submitted to Lancashire County Council for the status of Bridleway to be conferred on Dick Lane, Brinscall and for the status of Public Footpath Nos 3, 22 and 29 Wheelton to be changed to that of Bridleway.

10. The claim lodged with Lancashire County Council has been made on the basis that the “claimed” route has been used by the public at large for horse riding purposes for more than 20 years without interruption and the County Council are obliged to investigate the claim and to consult with every local authority in whose area the claimed way is situated.
11. The Committee agreed that in view of the fact that there are a number of riding establishments in the area and that these had been considered in the County Council consultation, no objections be made to the claim for the grant of bridleway status being conferred on Dick Lane, Brinscall and for the status of Public Footpath Nos 3, 22 (part) and 29 (part) Wheelton, and on a short length of unnamed road/track running south to Chapel Lane/Four Lanes End, Heapey.

**Recommendation**

12. The Council is recommended to note this report.

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There are no background papers to this report.