

COUNCIL

At a special meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 31 October 2007 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Hodgkinson (Chairman), P. Blackmore, S. Blackmore, Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Cross, Dennett, Drakeley, Edge, Findon, Fraser, Gerrard, Gilligan, Harris, Higginson, Hignett, Howard, C Inch, D Inch, Jones, Leadbetter, Lewis, Lloyd Jones, Loftus, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, Marlow, McDermott, McInerney, Morley, Nelson, Nolan, Norddahl, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, E. Ratcliffe, M. Ratcliffe, Rowan, Rowe, Sly, Stockton, Swain, Swift, Thompson, Wainwright, Wallace, Wharton, Worrall and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Bryant, Horabin, Murray and Redhead

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, G. Meehan, D. Parr, M. Reaney, D. Tregoe, J. Whittaker and L. Cairns

Also in attendance: 8 Members of Public

COU42 COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965 - APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS A TOWN GREEN -LOVEL FIELDS, HALEBANK, WIDNES

Action

The Council considered a report of the Operational Director (Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources) and Monitoring Officer regarding an application for Town Green status for Lovel Fields, Halebank, Widnes, which had been submitted for decision under the Commons Registration Act 1965.

It was advised that, on 20th September 2006, an application had been made under s. 13 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 to register land known as Lovel Fields, Halebank, as a new town green. The application was made to Halton Borough Council as the Commons Registration Authority. The Council was also the owner of Lovel Fields and, in that capacity, had objected to the application on a number of grounds, which were outlined in the report.

Mr Vivian Chapman QC had been appointed by the Council as independent counsel to hold a non-statutory public inquiry into the application and his recommendations

were outlined to Council for consideration.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the recommendation by Mr Vivian Chapman QC be accepted; and
- (2) for the reasons set out by Mr Chapman QC:
 - (a) the Clap Gate Amenity Land (DP826, appendix 1) be registered as a Town Green; and
 - (b) the application to register the remainder of the land (DP2908 and DP2909, appendix 1) be rejected.

Meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.