

Executive, 8 March 2007

## **STREET NAMING – NAMING AN UNNAMED ROAD IN STOKE GABRIEL**

### **Report of Head of Corporate Services**

**Statutory Powers:** Section 18 Public Health Act 1925

**Financial Implications:** Approximately £125.00 to provide and erect two Street Name Plates plus any administration costs.

### **Purpose**

1. The Council has received a request from the Residents of the unnamed Street off Vicarage Road in Stoke Gabriel to name the Street 'Millers Lane', as shown hatched black on the attached copy notice. The request is based on the belief that Millers Lane is the more historically correct name.
2. Stoke Gabriel Parish Council has written a letter of support and several members of the public within the village have confirmed the lane is historically known as Millers Lane.
3. In order to comply with Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925 a public notice will have to be posted for a period of not less than one month at each end of the Street detailing the proposed change and inviting objections.

### **Recommendations**

- (i) **That the Executive RESOLVES to the placing of Public Notices at either end of the unnamed Street off Vicarage Road, Stoke Gabriel, for a period of not less than one month in accordance with Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925 to name the Street 'Millers Lane';**
- (ii) **That the Council be RECOMMENDED that the Scheme of Delegations be revised to enable street naming and number requests from residents and/or the Town/Parish Council, to be agreed under the delegated authority of the Head of Corporate Services.**

### **Background**

4. The site has been researched and visited, there are five addressees located off the unnamed Street, all are in support of the Street being named.
5. The Street is unadopted by the Highway Authority and does not appear on the Public Rights of Way Maps.

6. The residents have been made aware that Royal Mail may change the postcode for the properties residing at the unnamed Street and no financial support would be forthcoming from the Local Authority to affect this change.
7. Street Name plates will need to be ordered and erected at the start of the Street only i.e. at its junction with Vicarage Road. The cost of providing two new street nameplates is approximately £85.00; the cost to fit them approximately £40.00 plus any additional administration costs.
8. At the end of the consultation period any letters of objection will be placed before this Committee in order for a final decision to be made.

### **Delegated Authority**

9. The Scheme of Delegations currently authorises the Head of Corporate Services to implement proposals for street naming and numbering where there is agreement with the developer and if the road is to be adopted by the Local Authority agreement with the Town/Parish Council. It is felt that the circumstances for this particular request fall outside the scope of this authority, hence why the decision is before Members. Therefore it is suggested that the Scheme of Delegations is amended to enable similar requests to be dealt with under delegated authority.

### **Risk Assessment**

Statutory Requirement:

- Health and Safety

Corporate Requirement:

- Impact on Council's reputation

### **Conclusion**

10. The Local Authority has a statutory obligation to name Streets under Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925. It is vital for Emergency Services that properties can be clearly identified accurately by use of a number (or house name) and Street name.
11. The costs involved to name the Street are minimal.
12. All the Residents in the unnamed Street and the Parish Council are in agreement to the proposal.
13. The Order will take effect on 22 April 2007.

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**Background Documents:** Copy of Public Notice and plan