

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 APRIL 2007**

**21 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980: SECTION 25. PROPOSED DEDICATION OF  
PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY NO.83, ALONG GRAVEYARD LANE,  
BETWEEN NEWTON HALL LANE AND MOSS LANE, IN THE  
PARISH OF MOBBERLEY, BOROUGH OF MACCLESFIELD**

Application was submitted in May 2003 by the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Footpaths Preservation Society to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the addition of a bridleway along Graveyard Lane. The applicant agreed to withdraw the Modification Order Application in the event that a public bridleway was successfully created by agreement.

Agreement had been reached with a number of landowners and adjacent landowners in order to dedicate Graveyard Lane in Mobberley as a public bridleway.

Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980 provided that a Local Authority may enter into a Public Path Creation Agreement with a landowner to create a bridleway over land in their area. Where such agreements were entered to, the Local Authority had a duty to take the necessary steps for securing the dedication of route in accordance with the agreement.

It was in the interests of the public that bridleway no 83 be dedicated in that it provided a functional link between two highways which had been well used by walkers and horse riders. It resolved the anomaly of the three public footpaths which terminated on the Lane and it avoided legal complications relating to the diverted route at the eastern end. It was believed that the route would also be accessible to wheelchair users. There were no works which would be needed to be carried out on the ground by the County Council. No issue of compensation arose as the landowners consented to the bridleways creation.

**RESOLVED:**

That approval be given to the making of the necessary public bridleway agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980 for the dedication of Public Bridleway No 83, Mobberley as illustrated on Drawing No MO/532, subject to the path being in a condition satisfactory to the County Council prior to the agreements being concluded.