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**Minutes of the forty-sixth meeting of the Board of Trustees of
the Open Spaces Society held at 6.45pm on Friday 22 May 2020
by videoconference, to discuss whether to apply for permission to appeal against
the high court judgment on Rollright footpath 7**

PRESENT Chris Beney (chairman)
Graham Bathe
Stuart Bain
John Hall
Simon Hunt
Chris Meewezen
Phil Wadey
Steve Warr

IN ATTENDANCE Kate Ashbrook (general secretary)

- 62/20 The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that it had been called under clause 5.10 of the articles of association, because there had been trustee votes against the recommendation of the legal subcommittee to apply for permission to appeal to the court of appeal against the high court judgment on the diversion of Rollright footpath 7 in Oxfordshire.
- 63/20 Phil Wadey, as chairman of the legal subcommittee, explained why the subcommittee had unanimously recommended to the trustees that we seek permission to appeal at a cost of up to £10,000. He emphasised that the trustees would then have the opportunity to decide, should permission be granted, whether to proceed to the court of appeal.
- 64/20 There followed a discussion during which each member of the board expressed a view.
- 65/20 The trustees agreed, by seven votes in favour and one abstention, to seek permission to appeal to the court of appeal in the case of Rollright footpath 7.

66/20 Graham Bathe expressed some concern about the process adopted by the society in determining what action to take, and in particular thought we might need to review the terms of reference of the legal subcommittee. He said he would discuss the matter with Phil Wadey with a view to agreeing a way forward.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Seney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the date.

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