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| NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  LOCAL ACCESS FORUM  MEETING |  |

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| MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: | Penny Lymn Rose (Chair) | DATE:TIME:VENUE: | Tuesday 24th May 2022  13.30  Rufford Mill, Rufford |
|  |  | NOTE TAKER: | Mary Mills (NCC) |
| MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSGUESTS: | Penny Lymn Rose, Dave Backhouse, Sue Jones, Hilary Limb, Mary Mills, Chris Thompson, Dennis Reeson | OFFICERS: | Neil Lewis (NCC) |

# MINUTES

#### ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Councillor Jim Creamer, Councillor Richard Butler, Councillor Sybil Fielding, Alan Hudson, Andrew Osborne, Martin Smith, Stephen Walker, Richard Wright, Mike Graham, Edmund Hopkins and Debbi Smith sent their apologies.

**ITEM 2 – MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes from the meeting held on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 18th May 2021 were approved as a true record.

**ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING**

Due to ongoing restrictions and caution following Covid the LAF undertook a casual walking meeting on Friday 28th February 2022 from Farnsfield, this was an opportunity to look at various issues, learn more about the work of the Countryside Access Team and to catch up socially, the event was well supported and enjoyed by those who attended.

**ITEM 4 – GENERAL UPDATE**

Neil updated members on several issues:

1. Planning and Licensing Committee has now been renamed Planning and Rights of Way Committee, which hopefully raises the profile of Rights of Way, and the availability of resources.
2. An additional role in the Team has been created, Helen Swift is the new officer, currently dealing mainly with DMMOs based on user evidence, including claims at Babington, East Retford and Holme Pierrepont.
3. Eddie Brennan is retiring from the team and interviews for his replacement are being held this week, there are several good candidates.
4. The 2026 deadline for claiming paths based on historic evidence has been abolished, the other parts of the legislation affecting right to apply etc. are still due to be implemented at some stage.
5. Proposals to dedicate public rights of way at Holme Pierrepont Water Sports Centre are ongoing.

**ITEM 5 – UPDATE ON THE M2M PROJECT-TRAILS AND PATHS**

Promotion work including walks and Horse rides have taken place, and some path improvements and waymarking work will be undertaken shortly.

A volunteer task was held at Papplewick, and although short on volunteers those who did attend enjoyed a satisfying day clearing vegetation from steps and footpath, Sue Jones asked that she be informed of any future task days so that they could be publicised on the Ramblers Facebook page and thus attract more help.

**ITEM 6 – A52 ACCESS AND CROSSINGS-PENNY LYMN ROSE AND SUE JONES**

Highways England have completed a report looking at access improvements between the Wheatcroft and Nottingham Knight roundabouts, and specifically into the proposal to improve the Cattle Creep to provide a decent underpass for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The LAF discussed the improvements which could be made now to make the route more user friendly, as well as the more costly improvements to both the underpass and surrounding footpaths and bridleways which would need to be made to enable horse riders and cyclists to access and use it.

**ITEM 7 - TRENT VALE TRAIL**

Neil gave a brief update in the absence of Alan: the project is progressing well; surface improvement works have been undertaken at Besthorpe. Discussions are ongoing on the section of trail approaching South Clifton, the proposal is to divert and upgrade the footpath to bridleway and take it past the trig point before descending into the village. A damaged footbridge on the route has recently been replaced with a bridleway bridge in anticipation of the upgrade.

**ITEM 8 – PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS – STANDING ITEM**

No updates on PSPOs affecting public access.

**ITEM 9 – NETWORK RAIL / HS2 – STANDING ITEM**

**HS2**

No update

**NETWORK RAIL**

**North Muskham Footpath 1 Crossing**: Network Rail have closed this crossing on safety grounds. Following the site visit by the LAF and others, a proposal was put forward by Network Rail- this is currently out to pre consultation and has attracted a couple of objections.

**Cross Lane, Collingham**: Network Rail are proposing to stop up Cross Lane at the level crossing, using a Section 116 Order, a new section of road will be built first and will provide an alternative vehicular route via Swinderby Road Crossing, as part of this project Network Rail are proposing changes to the path network around the North Collingham Footpath Crossings to eliminate the crossing on Footpath 7 and move users to the one on Footpath 5.

**Butts and Dykes Collingham:** Extinguishment and Creation Orders have been made by NCC to enable the closure of Dykes End Level Crossing, objections were received to these Orders, Network Rail are currently deciding whether to proceed.

**Network Rail land at Scrooby**: negotiations are ongoing with Network Rail to dedicate a bridleway from Scrooby towards Bawtry, as part of the ongoing discussions Network Rail would like to close one of the crossings on this section of the line, there is also the possibility of bringing an underpass into use.

**ITEM 10 – NCC PLANNING AND RIGHTS OF WAY CTTE – STANDING ITEM**

No reports have yet been taken to the new committee, but it is anticipated that reports will go in July including, Meden Vale Claims, Pleasley Vale Claims and South Scarle Village Green application.

**ITEM 11 – TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS/ COMMON LAND – STANDING ITEM**

As stated above a report with recommendation will go to committee in July for a village Green application in South Scarle.

**ITEM 12 – PPOs AND DMMOs – STANDING ITEM**

There are lots of ongoing Public Path Orders including ones at Hodsock BW2, Edwinstowe BW11, Car ColstonFP4,

East Stoke FP2, Edingley FP16, Edingley FP11, Hawton BW4, Clayworth FP1, Darlton FP8, Southwell FP69,

Bradder Way Mansfield, Hucknall FP25, and North Muskham FP1

DMMOs for Mill Lane Mansfield and Meden Vale and others

Landowner Dedications currently in progress at Moss Drive Bramcote, Warsop Estate, Pleasley Vale, Bilsthorpe,

Car Colston, and Langton Colliery.

**ITEM 13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ MEMBERS UPDATE**

**Dead or Dead Slow Campaign-** It is proposed to put up notices at Fackley and Teversal in the near future, the Road Safety Team will then consider expanding to other areas.

**Illegal Motorcycling and Scooters -** Chris Thompson highlighted issues with illegal Motorcycling, scrambling and Quad bike use and also pointed out that electric scooters are becoming a serious problem, and one which should be addressed.

**Tollerton Neighborhood Plan-** A recently published Neighborhood Plan doesn’t appear to consider Bridleways and Footpaths; this needs to be followed up and rectified as soon as possible.

**Byway winter closures and improvement works-** improvements have been made to a number of Byways during the last 12 months including byways at South and North Leverton which remains closed to all but those on foot, and Clarborough Byway 22 which has now re opened after surfacing improvements.

**ITEM 14 – FUTURE DATES AND VENUES**

The next LAF meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th September 2022 probably an afternoon meeting again at Rufford, it is proposed that the following meeting be held in the evening at County Hall on January 10th 2023.

Close of meeting.