

NLAF Minutes

Meeting 03/09/2015

Attendees :- John Shenfield. Sandra James. Cllr. Michael Clarke. Steve Fowler. Linda Pratt.

Absent: Robert Martin. Allan Rigby.

Apologies: Chris Glasspool. Lisa Fell. Dave Knight.

1. Admin items

None.

2. Minutes from last meeting.

All agreed minutes correct.

3. Meeting Dates for the coming year.

All agreed that a regular date was preferable- the 2nd Friday bi-monthly all at 19.00hrs:

- 13th Nov 2015
- 15th Jan 2016
- 11th March 2016
- 13th May 2016
- 15th July 2016
- 9th Sep 2016
- 11th Nov 2016

4. Progress report on Bridleway AY4 Sulgrave. JS: The landowner is responsible for the bridge repairs.

5. Byway AM39. JS: it is sensible to get the ruts filled in and the repairs will need to settle.

6. UA12 Burton Latimer Bridleway. JS: reported back that the site visit will be 01/12/2015 and that he will not chase again until after this date. Is Kettering Borough Council aware that as this case is 3 years old they may be seen as 'dragging their feet' and that considerable court costs could be awarded against them? No one seems to know what the objection from the KBC is. Planning permission has already been granted and the builder in question is getting very frustrated as he cannot proceed with the development.

SF: if it goes to a public enquiry it will be very costly for all.

CMC: What is the action point from this?

JS: Wait until the legal service has replied to the question that I have asked them. This will happen after the site visit.

7. Parish Council letter. JS to liaise with Karen MacLeavy to approve letter. JS: Parish Councils need to be encouraged to facilitate minor repairs to ROW themselves. Quite often they have very good relationships with local landowners and would be able to elicit help through these relationships.

CMC: confirmed that there is a list of Parish Wardens and advised JS to contact Michelle Johnson of NCC to acquire this to facilitate the circulation of said letter when approved.

8. Report on Magistrates Court hearing on Byway Ecton/ Earls Barton. SF: reported that a formal objection had been received to the closure and that it was now a contested hearing. The objectors (LARA Group) comprised of Trial Bike Riders and 4 Wheel Drivers who regularly use the bypass. So to save court costs the hearing had been cancelled and the case is now adjourned.

JS: both councils have problem with fly tipping in this area. The recycling centres opening times should not have been cut.

CMC: All 9 recycle centres have been closed for 2 days each week since 01/02/2015 and their opening hours shortened and this has saved the council £440,000.

9. AOB.....CMC HS2 and the impact on the countryside. Would it be an idea to get Chris Wragg to come and speak on the schemes progress?
JS: This was all covered 2 years ago. Everyone is happy that the liaison group have mitigated the likely damage, ie. deeper footings and soundproofing via the petitions submitted over the last 2 years. Should be finished by 2026.
10. JS: Could the Secretary write to David Farquhar for permission to claim travel expenses connected to these meetings. This would encourage new members from further afield such as Brackley and Stamford. This is mentioned in the Defra publication 'Guidance for Appointing Volunteers' section 6.1.2.
11. SF: Sarah Clark leaves the Definitive Map Department tomorrow which means that the dept will be understaffed. It is a specialised job so recruitment will take a while. The definitive map has not been consolidated for 5 years.
12. The End