

Northamptonshire Local Access Forum

Meeting 18th November 2016

Minutes

Attended:

Chairman: John Shenfield	Debbie Taylor-Bond - NCC
Lisa Fell	Lesley Elkington - NCC
Chris Glasspool	Leon Jolly – Northants Highways
	Katie Angel – Northants Highways
	Steve Fowler – Northants Highways
	Hollie Darby – Northants Highways

Item	Description	Actions
1	Apologies: received from Bob Martin, David Knight.	
2	Minutes from last meeting: Accepted as true.	
3	<p>Follow-up actions from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter to Parish Council's -Debbie Taylor Bond to review John Shenfield's letter to Parish Councils proposing Path Wardens to negotiate minor issues land owners directly to save NCC Officer time. - Highway Verges - Leon Jolly explained that certain Highway verges were slightly overgrown to a change in contractors and the scheme being rolled out a week too late. Next year the scheme will start a week early but still in accordance with the seasons. Remote locations however do sometimes have difficulty in getting contractors out to them, so patience will be needed. - Membership - Confirmation of termination of membership for Sandra James & Paul Bush (ToR 3.4) 	DTB
4	<p>Brief summary update of Street Doctor reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Issues - Responses have been provided regarding all of the issues raised and will be considered 'resolved' where necessary. - Spraying adjacent to footpaths - It was agreed that any 	

	<p>outstanding enquiries regarding spray drift and any concerns with nationally approved products used should be taken up directly with and reported to the Health and Safety Executive. Landowners have a duty of care to persons not in their employment but who are in their work site under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Byway Closures - It was explained that Street Doctor reports are prioritised and therefore a byway that has been closed due to being unsafe for the public will take priority over a path that is missing half a metre's width for example. - Communication – It was acknowledged that Street Doctor needs more publicity. NCC is reviewing the digital forms of the service. The group will be kept advised as and when any new improvements or applications are available. <p>5 Weed Control alternative proposal</p> <p>Northamptonshire Highways is to trial a new spray made up of heated coconut enzymes. If this does work, then it could be possible to suggest its benefits to Farmers.</p> <p>6 Scheme proposal for landowners and walkers</p> <p>This scheme would focus on land owners using walkers to their advantage, keeping an eye on live stock, gates, stiles, paths and crops. Walkers would report any issues directly to the landowner. A scheme proposal is to be drawn up by Lisa Fell.</p> <p>7 Land owner awareness campaign regarding RoW</p> <p>Proposal for a scheme regarding land owners knowing their responsibilities in areas such as ploughing widths and spray drift. Katie Angel explained that most Landowners/Farmers are aware of their obligations when it comes to their duty of care regarding Rights of Way. Sometimes enforcement is necessary when landowners purposefully obstruct or restrict access on a Right of Way.</p>	<p>LF</p>
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12	<p>reimbursement of expenses, the production of the NLAf annual plan, identifying the groups priorities for the forthcoming year and including setting longer term objectives and actions for the group, which can then be reported through the NCC Cabinet.</p> <p>It was also discussed that the RoW Improvement Plan 2007-2017 will expire soon and NLAf input in the development of the new plan will be required.</p> <p>Any other business</p> <p>a) Northamptonshire Enterprise Zone: Vegetation on the riverbank causing concern. Confirmation that the Tow Path has been done from L17 to Briar Hill by Canal and River Trust. As lots of developments are happening, maybe NLAf could be brought into those meetings (as part of the Governance Review) to have more involvement of current projects. Members to make a list of which developments they would like to know more about.</p> <p>b) Promotion of Healthy Walking</p> <p>c) Route Management Strategy Study: The booklet contains items that never came to light but makes a good reference and would like to see if there is anything that could be developed from it.</p> <p>d) Public Byway TB15 within the Parish of Doddington: There is currently investigation taking place as to the correct legal alignment of this route.</p> <p>e) Various closures within the Parish of Lowick due to subsidence caused by historic mining in the area. Highways are in negotiations with the landowners regarding a possible diversion.</p> <p>f) Public Byway ED29 within the Parish of Braunston is obstructed and incorrectly signposted. There is also uncertainty about its correct status. Highways to investigate.</p> <p>The Chairman John Shenfield thanked everyone for their input into the meeting and attendance and the meeting closed at 20:15hrs.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.</p>	<p>All NLAf Members</p> <p>KA</p>
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