

Meeting of the
Northamptonshire Local Access Forum

Thursday 29th January 2015

Present	Apologies
Linda Pratt (LP)	Robert Martin
Cllr Michael Clarke (Cllr MC)	Lisa Fell
Stuart Roberts (SR)	Paul Bush
John Shenfield (JS)	Sandra James
	Dave Knight
	Karen MacLeavy

Meeting opened at 19:05

SR Welcome to the 3 people that managed to brave the snow.

SR suggested that all read the minutes from last meeting and discuss where necessary.

JS requested clarity and a progress report on the duelling of the A43.

Cllr MC advised that the plans had been passed and work started on the Round Spinney roundabout. It is anticipated that the A43 will be improved incrementally over the next 2-3 years from the Round Spinney Roundabout to the A14 at Kettering.

Cllr MC also advised that the bypass from Geddington to Corby was now finished and in full use. Although the Isham bypass plan has been passed there are no funds available at the present time. **JS** talked about the need for children in Sywell and Overstone to be able to cycle safely to Moulton Schools.

LP said that she would pass his concerns to Neil Holland of Kierwsp Access Development Officer (Walking and Cycling) and report back.

SR reminded everyone that on page 3 of the minutes MGWSP is now KierWSP.

JS reiterated point 9 from the minutes- that in his opinion the when planning applications are submitted to NCC employees are not giving attention to ROW issues. Historically there was an ROW officer who members of the public could report their concerns to.

LP suggested that members of the public could contact NLAF members who could then process said anxieties to an officer at NCC.

LP Action to ask KM to investigate with Planning/ Development Control as to who NLAF members should direct their concerns to.

JS mentioned that many Parish Councils are not aware of NLAf.

LP referred to point 6 of minutes from DF that there is a newsletter circulated to each Parish. Maybe the details for NLAf could be added to these?

SR asked what had happened to the HS2 meeting that was supposed to take place this month as per point 12 from the minutes.

LP Action to ask Esme when the meeting will be.

SR said that members are keen to attend the meeting as NLAf were present at the discussions from the beginning.

JS raised point 15 from the minutes.

LP reiterated DF answer from point 15.

SR said that the minutes are approved and Cllr MC/ JS agreed.

SR asked for agreement that the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair should be postponed until the next meeting when there would –hopefully- be a full cast of members.

Cllr MC/ JS agreed.

SR explained that Point 4 from the agenda would have to be postponed to the next meeting as it needed a full complement of members for discussion.

Cllr MC / JS all agreed.

SR explained that Points 5 & 6 from the agenda would have to be postponed to the next meeting because LF would be contributing more information before the discussion.

Cllr MC/JS agreed.

SR said that the agenda item of DMMO & Diversion needs a response to everyone.

JS said that the byway at Doddington seemed 'out of control' and that he has written to the legal team but had not received an answer.

Cllr MC said that between 8-10 Parish Councils including Greatworth, Cullworth, Wardington and Chipping Warden were shortly presenting their petitions to Parliament and that discussions about the impact on ROWs were included in the petitions. It is imperative that the interests of ROWs are protected.

Cllr MC asked for Chris Wragg or Esme (N.C.C.) to attend an NLAf meeting to report on the progress of the HS2.

Cllr MC confirmed that all parties had agreed with HS2 and therefore the May election would not have an impact on the agreement of HS2. Cllr MC also confirmed that all home owners within 60 metres either side of the track would be 100% compensated for the fall in their house prices.

JS said that unfortunately the development of HS2 would mean several years of heavy goods vehicles which would be bad for roads, bad for the environment and bad for house prices.

JS wanted to bring to everyone's attention that there are many incidents on the farmers land close to Talavera Way. Several youths are using the fields for motorbike scrambling. The damage is horrendous and there are complaints about the noise from 0.75 of a mile away. JS said that the police cannot catch these youths because they exit via the new bridge. This bridge is a byway to all traffic – subject to Local Bylaws-but closed to cars at certain times of the year. Unfortunately when it is closed to cars the bikes can still get through. JS said that he takes photos of the motorcycle youths and sends them to the police.

JS wants to know what else can be done .Maybe discuss this at the next meeting.

SR asked if meetings could be held at JDH.

Action: LP to liaise with KM to try to book a room for the next meeting.

Discussions about the next meeting date resulted in April 23rd 19:00 to 21:00

SR asked for any other business and when none was forthcoming he thanked everyone for attending
Meeting Closed at 20:20