

NLAF Minutes – November 2015 1900-2100

Attendees : John Shenfield. Cllr. Michael Clarke. Dave Knight.

Lisa Fell. Chris Glasspool. Steve Fowler. Karen MacLeavy

Apologies: Sandra James. Robert Martin

Review from previous meetings actions:

- Letter to Parish Councils. JS has written a letter to circulate.

ACTION: KM to circulate letter to the group, and on approval from group, circulate to Parish Wardens

- Letter to relevant parties.

CMC – NLAF needs an identity of its own, for example NLAF letterhead.

ACTION – KM to look for existing NLAF letterhead and send to group. LF will try to use this to develop a new 'logo' if needed

- Letter from LF to JS re spraying – did JS send to his contact at NFU?

JS – No action by contact to date.

LF - Currently the government guidelines for spraying pesticides and herbicides on a PRoW is to 'recommend' putting up signage at entrances to pathways. This guidance needs to become mandatory to allow the public to decide whether or not they want to expose themselves to a freshly / recently sprayed field. One of the most commonly used herbicides, glyphosate, commonly believed to be completely safe has recently had its risk level increased by the World Health Organisation. Recently walked BOATS and edge of field paths have been badly affected by drift spray.

JS – Local contractor was asked to telephone a resident before he sprayed, but the phone calls were at inconvenient times for the resident. The contractor also said it was too time consuming to put signs up on all of the space they have.

- Can NLAF members claim expenses

Yes, as per set out in the NLAF terms of reference available on the NCC website.

ACTION – KM Find out **how** to claim expenses

Agenda Items

- LF – Ploughing / cultivation of edge of field paths and reinstatement of path widths. Landowners repeatedly causing same problems on paths not being prosecuted.

CMC – Monitor progress on street doctor, provide evidence with photos, set timetable for results and be more business-like. To talk about enforcement KM ask Katie Angel to the next meeting.

ACTION – KM to write to Katie Angel and invite to the next meeting

- DK – Lost Ways. Thought it was going to happen about 18 months ago but it all seems to have fizzled out again now.

JS – R Seaton, the Lost Ways liaison for the Ramblers Association, Steve Holloway, or Will Lovell. Liaise with them and you might find it helpful.

SF – Ramblers have a Lost Ways project at the moment. Do you liaise with them?

DK – Not yet

JS – Contact them as a starting point

SF – Not the responsibility of the LA to establish the Lost Ways. It was originally set up in the 1950's and 60's. It isn't that the LA haven't put them on, but the Parish Councils didn't do what they needed to do back then.

ACTION – DK to speak to the Ramblers Association to see what he can find out and report back to the group.

ACTION - CG has a PDF which he will forward to DK. Lost Ways LARA.

- JS – Burton Latimer. What was the objection? He asked the Parish council. The objection was to do with a windfarm and interest from S106 agreement was not being used correctly.

There was an inspection in the first week of December 2015. Planning permission was already granted though so don't think they will get anywhere.

JS – Sulgrave – NCC have responsibility to fix the arch of the bridge but unlikely to be something that is done due to funding.

SF – Tenant didn't know what he was signing and cant afford the repairs (it is approximately 20-30 meters long.

CMC – What was the objection?

SF – Tenant says he will go to the press saying that NCC are putting pressure on a local business. It is a hazard at the moment so it is currently closed. Danger to the public. Temporary closure. We can't put pressure on tenant to fix it and have done all we can at the moment. There have been lots of complaints from ramblers, but explanations have been given. They are struggling to accept that nobody is responsible for fixing it.

- Any Other Business

JS – CT8 Harrington. Temp TRO. TRO not necessary as diversion is not actually used by anyone as the routes don't actually align with what people use.

JS – NZ4 – hope nobody objects to this one. This is a satisfactory answer and has been going on for some time.

JS – Cogenhoe and Earls Barton was agreed years ago (2007), but now they have started work.

JS – Who is head of RoW?

SF – Katie Angel

JS – CMC, do you know, all of the villages around big developments are concerned about speed and narrow verges. Sywell and Overstone will get S106. Can we invest in speed cameras with S106 monies?

CMC – The outgoing PCC is aware of this and is a priority. He has funding for this problem. This should be for digi camera speed camera, not VAS. Speak to the Road Safety team at Highways – John Spencer.

ACTION – KM to forward John Spencer contact details to the group and any information we have on this.

CMC – A letter has been sent to the Parish Clerk of every Parish from the PCC specifically on this point.

JS – Will check if his PW has had this.

JS – CMC, when first payment has been made, would NCC consider paying for these things, in the knowledge that more funding will be coming forward from the developer to cover any outlay

KM – Unlikely due to S106 trigger points – don't think that NCC would have the funding to pay for anything unless the S106 specifically for this had already been received. Sometimes developments do not happen at the speed they are originally planned therefore would be too risky for NCC to front load projects on the assumption funding will be forthcoming.

CMC – Read section from email from PCC “I want our roads to....”

ACTION - CMC – forward email to KM

ACTION – KM to forward email to the group

CMC – Use the letterhead to help bolt up your point to get the speed camera for Sywell

Meeting End