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13 July 2015

Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum Meeting

A meeting of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum will be held on **Tuesday, 21 July 2015 at 6.00 pm** in **Huttoft Village Hall, Sutton Road, Huttoft, near Alford, Lincs LN13 9RG** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tony McArdle', written over a horizontal line.

Tony McArdle
Chief Executive

Membership of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum

Chris Padley, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Chairman)
Councillor Denis Colin Hoyes MBE, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Daniel McNally, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Iain Colquhoun, (North East Lincolnshire Council)
Sandra Harrison, (Landowners)
Ray Shipley, (Landowners)
Dr Chris Allison, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Sheila Brookes, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Deborah North, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Colin Smith, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Richard Graham, (Other Interests)
Peter Skipworth, (Other Interests)
3 Vacancies (Land Owners)
3 Vacancies (Other Interests)

**MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2015**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	Election of Chairman	
2	Election of Vice-Chairman	
3	Apologies for Absence	
4	Minutes of the previous meeting of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum held on 28 April 2015	(Pages 7 - 14)
5	Actions Arising from the previous meeting (if not already on the agenda)	
5a	De-Regulation Bill (Minute 63(b))	(Verbal Report)
6	Alison Healey - Retiring Member and Welcome to New Member - Deborah North	(Verbal Report)
7	Past Chairman's Report <i>(Chris Padley to report)</i>	(Verbal Report)
8	Joint Annual Report 2014/15 <i>(A report by Andrew Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, in connection with the work of the Forum during the last year)</i>	(Pages 15 - 28)
9	Proposal for Future Permissive Access in Stewardship Schemes - Consultation <i>(A copy of the draft report and consultation documents in connection with the above was emailed to the Forum with a covering note from Chris Padley on 22 June 2015. You were requested to bring any comments on the documents to this meeting. For information, the documentation has been emailed to you again)</i>	(Verbal Report)
10	Ordnance Survey - The Recording of "Routes with Other Public Access" (ORPA) <i>(Chris Padley has requested a definition of this area and a paper submitted by Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, provides this information)</i>	(To Follow)

- 11 Big Pathwatch on 13 July 2015 - Organised by the Ramblers**
(The Big Pathwatch is an initiative aimed at motivating communities to survey the rights of way network—footpaths, bridleways and byways—in England and Wales, and then to report their findings, both good and bad, via the Ramblers purpose-built app or our website. Once the survey closes later in the year, it is the aim to produce the first comprehensive nationwide analysis of the condition of our paths. The Ramblers are keen to hear the views of the Forum in connection with the following:-
- *Why your community values the path network and how you use it?*
 - *What impact cuts to path budgets have had on your community?*
 - *Examples of Councils managing the path network cost effectively?)*
- (Verbal Report)
- 12 Haugh Rights of Way - Further Developments**
(Item raised by Pete Skipworth but a general enquiry about the clearance of Rights of Way)
- (Verbal Report)
- 13 Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park Access and Recreation Group Update**
(Report by Richard Graham in connection with the latest situation)
- (Pages 29 - 30)
- 14 Obstruction of Route from Saltfleet Paradise (Blackbridge) to Seaview Access**
(Sandra Harrison has requested that the Forum gives consideration to the lack of consultation by the Environment Agency to the obstruction of a well known route from Saltfleet Paradise (Blackbridge) along the foot of the Seaside dunes through to Seaview access. In Sandra Harrison's absence Councillor Danny McNally will speak on this item)
- (Verbal Report)
- 15 Lincolnshire County Council Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Update**
(A report by Andrew Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, which provides an update of the plan)
- (Pages 31 - 58)
- 16 North East Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan**
(A report by Nicola Hardy, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, which provides an update of the Plan)
- (Pages 59 - 60)
- 17 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders Work**
(A report by Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, which provides an update of the Orders)
- (To Follow)
- 18 North East Lincolnshire Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders**
(A report by Nicola Hardy, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, which provides an update of the Orders)
- (Pages 61 - 62)

- 19 Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Public Path Orders**
(A report by Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, which provides an update of the Orders) (To Follow)
- 20 North East Lincolnshire Progress of Public Path Orders**
(A report by Nicola Hardy, Public Rights of Way Mapping Officer, which provides an update of the Orders) (Pages 63 - 64)
- 21 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**
(The next meeting of the Forum should coincide with the date and time of the next meeting of the South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum arranged for 21 October 2015. It is suggested that the next meeting of this Forum is arranged for 2.00pm on Tuesday 20 October 2015. Members will need to consider a venue)

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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy

Report to:	Mid Lincs/South Lincs Local Access Forums
Date:	21/22 July 2015
Subject:	Progress of Public Path Orders

Summary:

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted

1. Background

The County Council has a power to divert, extinguish or create public rights of way either of its own volition or following an application to do so from the public. The Council may also enter into agreements with landowners regarding the dedication of public rights.

2. Summary

The County Council has a current workload of **24** outstanding cases requiring review. These include applications for diversions, creations and extinguishments as well as cases directly initiated by LCC. There are **3** outstanding dedication cases

No. of Applications Received or Cases Initiated Since 1st April 2015 – **3**

Sleaford	<i>Diversion of Public Footpath No. 10</i>
Waddington	<i>Extinguishment of part Public Footpath No. 2</i>
Heighington / Washingborough	<i>Extinguishment of part Public Footpaths Nos. 6 & 2</i>

- a) There have been **1** orders confirmed with associated Legal Event Modification Orders since 1st April 2015.

Lincoln	<i>Diversion of PF 41 – Ballast Hole Rail Crossing</i>
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- b) The County Council have confirmed **1** further cases and is awaiting confirmation that the new routes are available with Legal Event Modification Orders to be made

Waddington	<i>Extinguishment of part Public Footpath No. 2</i>
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- c) The County Council have determined to take no further action on **0** further cases since 1st April 2013

- d) **0** case await determination by the Secretary of State

e)

	2014-15	2015-16
Orders confirmed & Legal Event Modification Orders completed	6	1
Orders confirmed awaiting Legal Event Modification Orders	0	1
Orders not confirmed	0	0
Cases awaiting determination by the Secretary of State	-	0
Cases abandoned	1	0

f) Synopsis.

The County Council is currently progressing public path orders across three different areas

- Applications from members of the public where public benefit in the proposal can be demonstrated in line with Council’s Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- Cases that form part of wider green infrastructure schemes (Coastal Country Park, Witham Valley Country Park etc.)
- Cases forming part of wider Council strategies (Road / Rail Partnerships, Environmental strategies)

3. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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