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Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum Meeting

A meeting of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum will be held on **Tuesday, 19 July 2016 at 6.00 pm** in **Meeting Room, Huttoft Village Hall, Sutton Road, Huttoft, nr Alford, Lincs LN13 9RG** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

Tony McArdle
Chief Executive

Membership of the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum

Chris Padley, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Chairman)
Dr Chris Allison, (Users of Local Rights of Way) (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Denis Colin Hoyes MBE, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Daniel McNally, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Iain Colquhoun, (North East Lincolnshire Council)
Sandra Harrison, (Landowners)
Ray Shipley, (Landowners)
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)
David Mills, (Other Interests)
Katherine Mills, (Other Interests)
3 Vacancies (Land Owners)
2 Vacancies (Other Interests)

**MID-LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2016**

| Item | Title | Report Reference |
|------|---|------------------|
| 1 | Election of Chairman for 2016/17 | |
| 2 | Election of Vice-Chairman for 2016/17 | |
| 3 | Declarations of Members' Interests | |
| 4 | Minutes of the previous meeting of the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum held on 26 April 2016 | (Pages 7 - 14) |
| 5 | Update of Action Taken on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (if not already on the agenda) | |
| 5a | Minute 46 (a) - Obstruction of Route from Saltfleet Paradise (Blackridge) to Seaview Access <i>(Chris Miller, Countryside Services Team Leader, will provide a verbal update of the latest situation)</i> | (Verbal Report) |
| 5b | Minute 46(d) - Lost Ways Update <i>(A report by Colin Smith in connection with the latest situation of Lost Ways)</i> | (Pages 15 - 16) |
| 6 | Natural England Local Access Forum Annual Review Form for 2015/16 <i>(Members are requested to give consideration to the questions posed in the email sent to you on 21 June 2016 and to be prepared to respond at the meeting. Details of the questions circulated are as follows:-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• LAF achievements/making a difference? Please give examples to illustrate how your LAF has improved public access to land for the purpose of open air recreation and the enjoyment of the area</i> <i>• Do you think your LAF has made a difference to public access in your area via its discussions and actions?</i> <i>• What activity did your LAF undertake to help record historical PROW before 2026?</i> <i>• What are your top priorities for the year ahead?</i> <i>• Do you foresee any issues or challenges that may affect your LAFs operation and/or its ability to deliver improvements to public access in the coming year?</i> <i>• Is there any particular support or training that you need to deliver your priorities or work programme for next year?</i> <i>• Summarise any feedback received from section 94(4) bodies)</i> | (Verbal Report) |

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| 7 | <p>Past Chairman's Report <i>(Chris Padley will give a verbal report of his year in office for 2015/16)</i></p> | (Verbal Report) |
| 8 | <p>Danger from Eroded Sides of Tarmac on Carriageways <i>(Item brought to the Forum by the Chairman. The background is that many country roads now have deep fissures at the sides of the tarmac. Where there is no footway, and overgrown verge, this is increasingly presenting a hazard for walkers. I am wondering how aware the authorities are of this? It is also one of many issues which raise a question over our contact with Lincolnshire County Council following the transfer (yet again) of its Rights of Way (RoW) team out of highways, since we have an interest in ordinary roads. It also occurs to me that I do not actually know how North Lincs interfaces between its RoW function and other highway authority functions, and I should)</i></p> | (Verbal Report) |
| 9 | <p>Priority 3 Paths with Kirkby on Bain 171 as Example <i>(Item raised by the Chairman to consider how Lincolnshire County Council's policy of not signposting or clearing priority 3 paths where there is a blockage is working in practice, and to consider the case of Kirkby on Bain footpath No. 171 which exemplifies some of the issues arising from the policy)</i></p> | (Pages 17 - 18) |
| 10 | <p>Adding sections of the Wolds' Way to the Definitive Rights of Way Map <i>(This is an issue which has been raised by Sheila Brookes and Chris Padley will expand further on this matter at the meeting)</i></p> | (Verbal Report) |
| 11 | <p>Joint Annual Report 2015/16 <i>(Chris Miller will give a verbal report on activities undertaken by the County Council on Public Rights of Way matters in 2015/16 at the meeting)</i></p> | (Verbal Report) |
| 12 | <p>Countryside For All <i>(A report by John Laws, a member of the South Lincs Local Access Forum)</i></p> | (Pages 19 - 20) |
| 13 | <p>Lincolnshire County Council Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) <i>(Chris Miller will give a verbal report on the latest situation in connection with the County Council's ROWIP)</i></p> | (Verbal Report) |
| 14 | <p>North East Lincolnshire Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan</p> | (To Follow) |
| 15 | <p>Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders <i>(A report by Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, in connection with the latest situation of these Orders)</i></p> | (Pages 21 - 28) |
| 16 | <p>North East Lincolnshire Council Progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders</p> | (To Follow) |

- 17 **Lincolnshire County Council Progress of Public Path Orders**
 (A report by Chris Miller, Countryside Services Team Leader, in connection with the latest update of these Orders) (Pages 29 - 30)
- 18 **North East Lincolnshire Council Progress of Public Path Orders** (To Follow)
- 19 **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

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Agenda Item 17



County Council

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

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| Report to: | Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum |
| Date: | 19 July 2016 |
| Subject: | Progress of Public Path Orders |

Summary:

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders.

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted and formal written advice given where required.

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 of ongoing cases

The County Council is currently working on a number of cases most notably as follows.

- A package of diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area including the potential dedication of a bridleway over a current footpath. The reports from the consultant reviewing this package is expected soon and
- Level crossing diversion orders at Tallington and Whisby the latter is about to have an order made to divert in the near future
- Orders to realign a number of PROW affected by a level crossing at Claypole which will also resolve "missing link" and path status change issues.
- A diversion to enable the managed realignment of the coastal sea defence at North Somercotes

- The dedication of a new bridleway at Swinhope to improve equestrian access for a potential promoted trail.
- Diversions affecting school/parish recreation fields in Claypole

These public path orders have been undertaken as they fall within one of three of the following strategic 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)

The County Council will be reviewing its position of public path orders when greater detail regarding the Deregulation Act 2015 regulations is known.

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

4. 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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