



PRESENT: COUNCILLOR I G FLEETWOOD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors D C Hoyes MBE, D Hunter-Clarke, Ms T Keywood-Wainwright, D McNally, N H Pepper, Mrs H N J Powell, J M Renshaw and C L Strange

Officers in attendance: Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer), Mark Heaton (Area Highways Manager) and Brian Thompson (Head of Highways West)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs V Ayling, D Brailsford, M S Jones and W S Webb

2. SITE VISIT TO THE DRIFT/VIKING WAY, SKILLINGTON TO DENTON, NEAR GRANTHAM

The Committee visited The Drift/Viking Way, Skillington to Denton, near Grantham, to examine highway access issues.

The following issues were noted in connection with the site visit:-

- The Drift was a public highway which currently had a temporary restriction imposed on it;
- The site was viewed on both sides of the main road to gain an idea of the current state of the Site of Scientific Interest;
- The area was maintained by Lincolnshire County Council in association with Natural England and the Wildlife Trust. Farmers whose land bordered the site carried out maintenance on some of the boundary features (hedge and fence)
- A local farmer had been given permission to cross The Drift at a certain point, to access his land; This right would need to be protected if any permanent Traffic Regulation Order was imposed.
- The Council's Highways department would have to ensure the Site of Scientific Significance was protected whether the road was closed to vehicles or not.

The visit ended at 3.10pm.

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