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A statutory advisory body to Lincolnshire County Council, North East Lincolnshire Council and other providers of outdoor recreational access

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8 January 2021

In accordance with the powers granted by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this will be a virtual meeting.

Lincolnshire Joint Local Access Forum Meeting

A meeting of the Lincolnshire Joint Local Access Forum will be held on **Monday, 18 January 2021** at **2.00 pm** as a **Virtual - Online Meeting via Microsoft Teams** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Access to the meeting is as follows:

Members of the Lincolnshire Joint Local Access Forum and officers of the County Council supporting the meeting will access the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Members of the public and the press may access the meeting via the following link: <https://lincolnshireintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=654&MId=6066> where a live feed will be made available on the day of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Debbie Barnes OBE
Chief Executive

Membership of the Lincolnshire Joint Local Access Forum

Councillor William James Aron, Lincolnshire County Council
Councillor Colin Matthews, Lincolnshire County Council
Councillor James Cairns, North East Lincolnshire Council
John Beaven, Users of Local Rights of Way

Sheila Brookes, Users of Local Rights of Way
Sharon Hayes, Users of Local Rights of Way
Peter Hinton JP MBA, Users of Local Rights of Way
Peter McKenzie-Brown, Users of Local Rights of Way
Sid Mill, Users of Local Rights of Way
Chris Padley, Users of Local Rights of Way
Angie Tomlin, Users of Local Rights of Way
Nick Tomlin, Users of Local Rights of Way
Sandra Harrison, Landowners
Jon Thornes MBE, Landowners
Richard Graham, Other Interests
John Laws, Other Interests
David Salkeld, Other Interests
Erica Spurrier, Other Interests

**LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2021**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	Election of Chairman for 2021/22	
2	Election of Vice-Chairman for 2021/22	
3	Apologies for Absence	
4	Declarations of Interests	
5	Number of meetings a year (pandemic protocols and under normal circumstances) <i>(There is a statutory requirement to have two meetings of the Forum annually. It is recommended that any additional meetings are only arranged as and when required)</i>	(Verbal Report)
6	Terms of Membership <i>(Members are requested to notify the Secretary to the Forum if they wish to serve for one, two or three years)</i>	(Verbal Report)
7	Public Rights of Way (PROW) and access work during 2020 <i>(To receive a report by Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, in connection with maintenance work carried out on PROWs during 2020)</i>	(To Follow)
8	DeRegulation Act and Lost Ways <i>(To receive a verbal report by Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, in connection with the latest update of progress of the DeRegulation Act and Lost Ways)</i>	(Verbal Report)
9	England Coast Path <i>(To receive a report from Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, on progress of the England Coast Path. (For information, Natural England (NE) submitted its compendium of reports to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs setting out their proposals for improved access to the coast from Hunstanton to Sutton Bridge. These proposals form part of a programme to establish a continuous walking route around England's coastline, as set out in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MCA). Any representations in connection with the proposals must be submitted to NE by 20 January 2021. The proposals can be viewed on the attached document from NE))</i>	(Pages 5 - 6)
10	Lincolnshire County Council - Forward programme for coming year and Local Access Forum involvement <i>(To receive a report by Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, in connection with Lincolnshire County Council's forward programme for 2021 and the Local Access Forum's involvement)</i>	(To Follow)

11 Demolition of Old Railway Bridges by Highways England

(A verbal report by Chris Padley, a member of the Forum, in connection with the policy of Highways England to demolish all disused railway bridges instead of maintaining them. Members' attention is drawn to the following website – [Campaigners battle to save old rail structures \(theconstructionindex.co.uk\)](http://theconstructionindex.co.uk) Chris Padley thinks this is an issue the Forum should all take up even if there are no such bridges in Lincolnshire (He is not aware if there are any of these bridges at the moment although there certainly have been in the past)

(Verbal Report)

12 Countryside For All

(To receive a report by John Law, a representative of the Local Access Forum, in connection with the latest situation of Countryside for All and to seek the appointment of members of the Forum to the Countryside for All Sub-Group)

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13 Date and time of the next meeting

(There is a statutory requirement to have two meetings a year)

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Please Note: for more information about any of the following please contact the Democratic Services Officer responsible for servicing this meeting

- Business of the meeting
- Any special arrangements
- Copies of reports

Contact details set out above.

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<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business/search-committee-records>



Notice of Natural England's Coastal Access Reports:

On Wednesday 25 November 2020 Natural England submitted a compendium of coastal access reports to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 51 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 pursuant to its duty under section 296(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The reports relate to the coast between Hunstanton and Sutton Bridge.

This notice is being given to you as a person or body listed in paragraph 2(2)(b) to (e) of Schedule 1A to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, or as a person or body listed in Schedule 1 to the Coastal Access Reports (Consideration and Modification Procedure) (England) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1976).

If the proposals in the individual reports are approved in their current form by the Secretary of State, the public will be able to exercise rights of access under section 2(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 for open-air recreation on foot along the English coastal route as set out in the reports and over the area of associated coastal margin. These rights are subject to any exceptions (for example gardens) or restrictions set out in that Act or proposed in the reports (once approved).

Copies of the reports are available at www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-hunstanton-to-sutton-bridge.

You are invited to make representations about any of these reports. Any representations must be made on the form available from our website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-plan-of-the-hunstanton-to-sutton-bridge-stretch, and must be received by Natural England no later than midnight on Wednesday 20 January 2021.

We hope you can appreciate that due to restrictions related to Coronavirus the preferred method for contacting us is by email. If you do not have access to email please use the address below.

Representations should be sent to Natural England at:
eastcoastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk.

Or posted to

Coastal Access Delivery Team – East
Natural England
Eastbrook
Shaftesbury Road
Cambridge
CB2 8DR.

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COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

Report for Joint Local Access Forum meeting – 18 January 2021

1. Route leaflet stock status

The initial orders placed by libraries, tourist information centres and other bodies amounted to 13,802 in 2020. These orders were placed in March pre the affect of the pandemic. We normally have further orders throughout the year but due to the pandemic this did not happen. However, the initial orders in 2020, was an increase from 8961 over the whole of 2019, an increase of 54%. Due to the increase in order levels we were not able to satisfy all of the orders.

Our leaflets are held at the LCC store at Scott's Storage Centre and DPS Digital.

We currently have zero stock of leaflets for 7 of the 22 leaflets we produce. We also have 6 leaflets of the 22 which will not be able to satisfy the 2021 orders.

2. Funding applications

To enable us to print more leaflets we apply for grant funding. The majority of the funding organisations have been rightly focusing on providing grants for Covid 19 related causes. However, we were able to apply to the East Coast Community Fund in July. We applied for funding of 5 of the existing leaflets and 2 new leaflets for routes in the Coastal Country Park. Unfortunately, we were not successful in obtaining the funding.

The National Lottery Awards For All scheme, has now reopened for non Covid 19 funding applications. We are in the process of applying for this funding. The application is for a print run of 36,000 leaflets for 22 routes. This includes one new route leaflet for Owlet Woods in West Lindsey. It is envisaged that this will provide us with enough leaflets for three years. If we are successful the surplus stock will be held at DPS Digital. We will then focus on applying for funding to improve LCC owned Countryside For All routes and two new Countryside For All route leaflets for the Coastal Country Park.

Countryside For All Sub Group Terms of Reference

The sub group is responsible for advising the range of organisations specified in the CROW Act on improving countryside accessibility for people with disabilities or mobility issues, such as young families with pushchairs. The promotion of accessible countryside includes surveying accessible routes, obtaining funding for Countryside For All route leaflets to be designed and printed, creating and modifying route leaflets, dispatching route leaflets in accordance with orders

from organisations. The sub group members are also responsible for attending meetings and events to promote the Countryside For All routes.

Currently Richard Graham and myself are on the sub group. We also have another volunteer to help us out with the surveying once we get funding. If possible I would like to see at least another three people on the sub group. This would take us back to the original number of LAF members on the sub group and help reduce the workload for myself and Richard.

John Law

Joint LAF Member