

Herefordshire Local Access Forum Meeting

Date: 14 November 2018

Location: The Kindle Centre

Time: 7pm

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ATTENDANCE		
Name: Jenny Bartlett Myra Chilman Mike Darley Phil Edwards Mike Everitt Duncan Green Arthur Lee Peter Newman	Name: Josie Pearson Hugh Vernon John Dennis (member of public) Malcolm Rees (member of public) Mike Thomas (member of public) Susan White (Balfour Beatty) Jill Addis (Balfour Beatty)	
APOLOGIES		
Deborah Crowley, Peter McKay, Richard Gething, Jenny Williams		
Notes Prepared By: Jill Addis		
AGENDA SUMMARY		
1.0	Apologies for absence	
2.0	Minutes	
	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2018	
3.0	Matters arising/action points	
	To discuss any matters arising from previous minutes	
4.0	Forum Business	
	Update from the Chair	
5.0	Rights of Way Service Provider's Report	
	Update regarding rights of way matters	
6.0	Work Group Reports	
7.0	Public Participation	
8.0	Any other business	
	Any business submitted to the Chair prior to/ or at the beginning of the meeting. To be discussed time permitting at the discretion of the Chair	
9.0	Date of next meeting	
	15 May 2019	
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HLAF Members, Susan White, Spencer Grogan, Will Steel, Herefordshire Council website		
AGENDA AND CHECK LIST		ACTION
532.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies were noted as above. Jenny Williams has also resigned as a member.	
533.	MINUTES	
	The minutes were agreed to be accurate and signed as a true record of the meeting of 30 May 2018.	

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<p>534. MATTERS ARISING</p>	
<p>527 DG said that he had request a document under FOI, produced by the landowner regarding Tomkins Lane. This information has not been supplied. SW said that it was in the modification programme, and was a high priority. However, there would be a delay due to staff leaving.</p> <p>AL said that he and PN had visited MR45A on 24 October. They suggested the route be diverted down the drive of Paradise View. Ramblers Central Office said that the Highway Act S26 & S118 could be used to create and extinguish the path. SW asked what the landowner of Paradise Drive thought about this. AL confirmed that they were not happy.</p> <p>PE said that he had been contacted by Brian Andrews regarding the diversion of MR45. He asked if the two paths could be looked at concurrently. SW replied that they were 90% of the way through the process with MR45, and they were two separate cases, which could not be looked at concurrently. PE asked if a reduction in width could be allowed. SW replied that the order had already been written. She suggested making the order, and then dealing with the fence posts as an obstruction of the highway. DG and PE agreed that this was the way forward. ME asked why the case was not referred to PINs. SW said that this would be quicker and less costly. PE suggested a vote in favour of confirming the order, and dealing with the fence posts after. 9 members voted in favour of this.</p> <p>Returning to MR45A, SW asked who should pay compensation for diverting the path. DG suggested the person trying to sell their house. SW added that the sum could be considerable, and that as there were also issues with the line of the path on the Definitive Map, the property owner could argue that the council should pay compensation.</p> <p>AL and PN were delegated to continue looking into the matter.</p>	<p>AL/PN</p>
<p>535. FORUM BUSINESS</p>	
<p>Update from the Chair</p> <p>The 2019 Walking Festival will run from 15-23 June. AL asked if someone would volunteer to guide a walk on behalf of the LAF. HV volunteered to do this. Walks have to be submitted by 17 December.</p> <p>JP asked if there was an accessible walk. AL said that he had submitted a walk, but no-one had come forward to take part. It was suggested that a list of accessible routes be sent out with the minutes.</p> <p>JP also volunteered to help out with the Walking Festival.</p> <p>MD has been working on the Sutton Walls Hill Fort Walk, which he would like to add to the Walking Festival programme.</p> <p>In other news, the Ramblers volunteers have had a busy spring and summer working on the Herefordshire Trail and the Mortimer Trail.</p> <p>PM has sent emails regarding the issue of green spaces on the OS map. JB said that Leominster Town Council have submitted their green spaces. PE suggested sending information to Samantha Banks at Herefordshire Council, as she has been involved in working on the Neighbourhood Plans.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

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<p>536. RIGHTS OF WAY SERVICE PROVIDER'S REPORT</p> <p>SW presented the report, copies of which were sent out before the meeting.</p> <p>ME again queried the number of defects as there had been a large decrease in the number outstanding.</p> <p>(Note: the number of defects outstanding had been misquoted in the May report. The correct figure was 461. The report generated to create these figures had also been duplicating entries, sometimes up to as many as 10 times. We have since scrapped the report, and these figures are added up manually to ensure that they are correct.)</p> <p>SW said that the capital programme had been completed for the year, and handed round photos of the new bridge on TD6.</p> <p>ME asked what would happen for the rest of the year. SW replied that planning would take place for next year's programme, as the weather would not be suitable for major works.</p> <p>AL said that the Ramblers would like to start installing bridges. SW replied that she would look into the matter.</p> <p>SW said that the Modification Programme had not been included as it needed to be reviewed due staff members leaving.</p> <p>DG said that the byway over Ridge Hill had been confirmed, but the landowner had dug a huge hole in it. JA asked DG to send a map reference so that the problem could be logged, and a Locality Steward sent out to inspect.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>DG</p>
<p>537. WORK GROUP REPORTS</p> <p>DG said that Will Steel had gone to work for the BHS, as they had obtained a grant from the Sports Council to claim bridleways. They had a target of 2700, and as an incentive, claimants who fulfilled a specified criteria would be given £100 per claim. More information could be found by accessing DOBBIN (Database On Byways and Bridleways Information), on the BHS website. DG has done a pilot project with WS.</p> <p>DG has also been looking at Geoplace. All highways have to be on the Street Gazetteer, and DG has been trying to get this information made public. DG and AL had a meeting with Jesse Norman, who has promised to ask questions of Geoplace.</p> <p>Kington</p> <p>Liz Kelso has complained that the standard of footpaths in Kington has fallen since Community Payback ended.</p> <p>John Dennis is involved in a task and finish group with the intention of bringing people and funding together to improve footpaths. He has been contacting local parishes to pull them together into the plan.</p> <p>AL said that he has had contact with Ally from Kington Walkers Are Welcome, and the Kington Walking Festival. She is keen to work in partnership. DG and AL are to share useful contact details with John.</p>	<p>DG/AL</p>
<p>538. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Mike Thomas asked if there would be a review of the process for categorising modification applications as there seems to be a bias towards creation, rather than resolving existing issues. SW replied that there was a bias as it is very difficult to close paths, as a public right was being removed. Modification orders came out of the</p>	

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public purse, and so it was hard to justify something that was not in public benefit.	
539. AOB	
MD has been awarded Best Footpath Management Specialist for Herefordshire.	
540. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
15 May 2019 13 November 2019 It was suggested that the May meeting involve a site visit to the Sutton Walls Hill Fort. MD is to book the village hall for the meeting. Meeting closed at 8.40pm.	

Chairman: _____

Date: _____