



## Notes of the Meeting of Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum

**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 7.15pm  
**Venue:** Woodborough Institute, Roe Lane, Woodborough

**Forum Members:** Mary Mills (Chair), Peter Hiley (Vice Chair), Dennis Reeson, John Barlow, Simon Wilson, Cathy Charles-Jones, Alison Pritchard, Cllr Yvonne Woodhead, Hilary Limb, Penny Lymn Rose, Alex Staniforth, Alan Hudson

**Officers and Guests:** Julian Doncaster, Neil Lewis (NCC)

1. **Apologies:** John Barlow, Hilary Limb, Sue Guy, Charles Langtree,
2. **Minutes of the Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015** Accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda** – none
4. **Discussion re: the new proposed company for Nottinghamshire Highways with Gary Wood, NCC Group Manager - responsible for NCC's Rights of Way Team**

Gary Wood sent his apologies. NL discussed the proposals with Forum members. NL to invite Gary to a special meeting planned for December 2015.

### 5. **Network Rail - level crossing closure programme**

Suzanne Bedford, Liability Negotiations Manager for Network Rail (LNE / EM) sent her apologies. NL to invite Suzanne to a future meeting. A discussion followed regarding the closure of Whitehouse Lane crossing, north of Newark Northgate Railway Station. A site visit, to be attended by MM, AS, PH, NL and representatives from Network Rail is planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015.

### 6. **Gating Orders / Public Spaces Protection Orders**

MM informed the Forum about a proposal by Mansfield District Council for a Public Place Protection Order (PPPO). The proposals included a ban on drinking alcohol in public places and the continuation of the 'Gating Orders' at Mansfield Woodhouse and an alleyway in Mansfield town centre. Also included was a night time only closure on a jitty path in the town centre. MM made a number of comments and raised concerns on behalf of the LAF. MM to update at the next meeting in the New Year.

### 7. **NCC Committee update**

NL informed members about an update report on the current Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) case load presented to September's Planning and Licensing Committee. NL also informed members about the new NCC website which includes an updated DMMO on-line claims register.

## **8. Village Greens**

The County Council have recently received an application for a Town or Village Green at Bramcote. Officers in the Countryside Access Team are planning to take a report to Culture Committee in the New Year regarding an application for a TVG in Mansfield.

## **9. PPOs and DMMOs**

NL briefly discussed a number of DMMO and PPO proposals including a diversion / extinguishment in North Leverton and a newly recorded footpath in Fiskerton. MM informed the Forum about a meeting she attended with a landowner and user group representations to discuss a bridleway diversion at Thoroton, south of Newark.

## **10. AOB**

MM informed members about the British Horse Society training day attended by MM and PLR. MM said how useful and enjoyable the day was and notified members of a forthcoming training day on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 to discuss claims for public rights of way.

MM and DR attended a meeting organised by Sustrans to discuss the development and promotion of Bennerley Viaduct in the Erewash Valley. As part of awareness campaign for the viaduct, Sustrans are planning to promote a circular walk on existing public rights of way.

**The next full LAF meeting will be at County Hall, West Bridgford on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

The Chair concluded the meeting, thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting.

**Close of Meeting**