



## Minutes of the July 2016 Meeting of Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.15pm  
**Venue:** Woodborough Institute, Woodborough

**Forum Members:** Alex Staniforth (Chair), Penny Lymn Rose (Vice Chair), Hilary Limb, Peter Hiley, Simon Wilson, Dennis Reeson, Mary Mills, Councillor Yvonne Woodhead.

**Officers and Guests:** Neil Lewis (NCC), Chris Thompson (Notts Ramblers)

1. **Apologies:** Sue Guy, Alan Hudson and Ken Brown (Ken has resigned from the LAF)
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** The minutes for the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 meeting were accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda** – none
4. **Proposal for seasonal Traffic Regulation Order – Update**

Proposal is to seasonally close 7 Byways in the Bassetlaw area to protect their surfaces from irresponsible vehicular damage during the winter months, consultation has been positive with only one concern expressed by the BHS regarding access by horse drawn vehicles. No one on the LAF or Nottinghamshire CC Countryside Access team are aware of any such use, but a key system could be made available as a compromise. The LAF will await further developments.

### 5. **The end of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme?**

A brief introduction to this was given by Alex at our April meeting, and some reading matter was circulated just before this meeting. Brief discussion suggested that Parish Councils may be better placed to encourage landowners to continue permissive access agreements after the financial incentives are discontinued. A link to Countryside Stewardship Scheme paths to be added on NCC Countryside Pages. There will be further discussion at our October meeting when all members will have had time to read the background information. Some permissive access is particularly valuable as a link to existing public rights of way, the LAF may become involved in identifying and prioritising particular schemes.

### 6. **Accessibility in the Blidworth area**

Neil outlined to the LAF an access issue involving a disabled gentleman residing in the Blidworth area, who is currently unable to access many local areas due to barriers put in place to prevent illegal use. Neil suggested this would be a good project for the LAF to get involved in. Councillor Woodhead has been working with the gentleman for some time and agreed to help set up a meeting with members to discuss possible ways

forward to enable at least some access to local routes, with a long term aim of negotiating better disabled access for all users, with the Forestry Commission and other landowners.

**7. Gating Orders / Public Spaces Protection Orders**

None

**8. NCC Committee update**

None

**9. Village Greens**

None

**10. PPOs and DMMOs**

One Diversion Order simplifying and straightening a path through Cotgrave, Holme Pierrepont and Radcliffe on Trent.

**11. AOB**

- **Via East Midlands** – Company now up and running, Rights of Way Team split, NCC retain liability and have to be present for enforcements.  
Alex requested a list of Team names, Contact details and areas covered.  
It was agreed that someone from Via, preferably a team manager would be invited to attend the next LAF meeting, to share their and our commitment to Rights of Way and Access and to answer any questions we may have.
- **Archive Visit** – A midweek half day visit would suit members, dates to be decided, probably be in September 2016.
- **BHS Courses** –Places to be booked for Alex, Dennis, Penny and Mary to attend 2026 Restoring the Record Course, run by the BHS/Ramblers in York on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Booked).
- **Stoke Bardolph/Burton Joyce** – Definitive Map Modification Order (over the railway line) which was turned down by the Planning Inspectorate has now gone for Judicial Review.

**12. FUTURE DATES AND VENUES**

Woodborough Institute is booked for our next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 although this is provisional at the moment.

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

**Close of Meeting**