



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM MEETING

MEETING CALLED Neil Lewis (Officer NCC)
TO ORDER BY:

DATE: Wednesday 23rd October 2024

TIME: 1.30pm

VENUE: Rufford Mill, Rufford Country Park,
NG22 9DF.

NOTE TAKER: Mary Mills (NCC)

Jennifer Thomas (NCC)

MEMBERS: Dave Backhouse, Mary Mills, Jennifer
Thomas, Debbie Smith, Mike Graham,
Lee Pearson

OFFICERS: Neil Lewis (NCC)

GUESTS

Mark Jenks from
Ashfield District
Council

MINUTES

ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Penny Lymn Rose, Sue Jones, Councilor Quigley, Dennis Reeson, Councilor Creamer, Hilary Limb, Chris Thompson, Dave Smith, Edmund Hopkins, Andrew Osborne and Alan Hudson.

ITEM 2 – MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the last meeting held at Rufford Mill, Rufford on Wednesday 28th February 2024 were approved as a true record. Please note Alan Hudson was in attendance.

ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA

New Bridge at Trent side – Possibly delayed, project will include looking at the wider access issues.

ITEM 4 – ASHFIELD DISTRICT TOWN COUNCIL FUND

Mark Jenks from Ashfield District Council introduced himself and gave us an overview of the project in Ashfield. Substantial towns funding is secured for their walking and cycling project.

The Countryside Access Team will assist where possible with any information that will help with the project.

Mark was keen to gain feedback from LAF members and will send an invite to a future engagement workshop to seek input on potential routes and improvements to existing routes. Construction of any new network is due to commence late 2025/early 2026.

ITEM 5 – TRENT VALE TRAIL

Physical works should begin week commencing 28/10/2024 to divert and upgrade the footpath to a bridleway. Funding from Newark and Sherwood DC needs to be used ASAP so works need to be finished by March 2025 and the intention is that the path will be diverted and be open for Easter 2025. There will be a short permissive footpath to the trig point at South Clifton.

ITEM 6 - PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS – STANDING ITEM

No updates on PSPOs affecting public access.

ITEM 7 – NETWORK RAIL – STANDING ITEM

Chestnut Grove Crossing, Burton Joyce: Network Rail have approached NCC about closing this crossing due to safety concerns, misuse, anti-social behaviour etc. There is concern locally and from stakeholders regarding a closure here.

Moss & Plum Crossing, Hucknall: Interest from Network Rail in providing an alternative to the current at-grade crossing

Moor Lane, Bingham: Network Rail would like a TTRO to prevent use by equestrians, NCC are not aware of any current use by horse riders.

Coal Drops Path & Bridge, East Retford: NCC are still pursuing a designated path between Thrumpton and Retford Railway Station.

Shireoaks Rail Station: Currently an issue with NR blocking the Sustrans Track due to a damaged fence on their land, alternative along canal towpath is being used.

ITEM 8 – NCC PLANNING AND RIGHTS OF WAY CTTE – STANDING ITEM

No Update.

ITEM 9 – TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS/ COMMON LAND – STANDING ITEM

Gateford area possible claim for Village green.

ITEM 10 – PPOs AND DMMOs – STANDING ITEM

DMMO - Misson, Doncaster: Order made.

DMMO- Ethel Avenue: Confirmed as Footpath, some work to be completed to make available.

Diversion – Spalford

PPO – Normanton on Trent FP8: Confirmed diversion.

PPO – Orston: At pre consultation to divert a dead-end bridleway.

ITEM 11 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ MEMBERS UPDATE

Jubilee Way, Mansfield: No further updates.

D2N2 Cycle Alliance: No further updates.

Eakring Road, Mansfield: Lee Pearson (GLASS) reported a large increase in fly tipping on this unsurfaced county road. The fly tipping has not been cleared in over 4 years and is approximately 15 meters at its widest point. Neil to report to Districts, advised Lee to do same with photo evidence.

Elkesley, Crookford Ford: Lee Pearson (GLASS) reported a large step creating a hidden drop, and large stones, in the ford, NCC highways to be informed.

Under Bridge, A52: No further updates.

ITEM 12 – FUTURE DATES AND VENUES

The next LAF meeting will be held at County Hall, West Bridgford on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7.15pm. NOW redated to Wednesday 2nd April 2025 to be held at Rufford Mill.

Close of meeting.