

Milton Keynes Local Access Forum
18.30, 7th December 2023, MK Council Civic Offices Room 1.01

Item		Action
1.0	<p><u>Present:</u> Steve Crowther (SC) Stephen Hobbs (SH), John Franklin (JF), Gail Dunn (GD), Terry Smith (TS), Mike Bowley (MB)</p> <p><u>MKCC LAF support:</u> James Walsh (JW) Rosie Armstrong- (RA)</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Suzanne Martin (SM), Deborah Cooper(DC)</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>3.1 RA gave an update on LAF membership. Prospective member coming along next time from Hike MK. JF asked for the script of what to say to people we may approach. RA will circulate.</p> <p>3.2 GD asked for update on MK East. James said they are continuing building, and will do for next 10 years. SC said that MP Ben Everrit contacted him about a road closure in the area, and asked for his support in getting it open again. SC refused.</p> <p>3.3 Item 5.1 – Shenley Park development. Rights of Way provided a planning response re a new proposed road crossing the North Bucks Way, the team response was that we would want at least a Pegasus crossing, but ideally an underpass.</p> <p>3.4 It was agreed the last minutes were an accurate record of the last meeting.</p>	RA
4.0	<p><u>Rights of Way Section Report</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>Petsoe update</u></p> <p>Sue Rumfitt, consultant, has put together instructions to counsel about some of the more complicated legal matters. We are asking for some specialist legal advise including matters related to Foot and Mouth Disease. This will be submitted to a barrister in London. JW shared an extract from her instructions which demonstrated the detail and complexity of the case.</p> <p>Questions were heard and answered about process and timings.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Redways Status</u></p> <p>JW gave an overview of the Redways presentation that had recently been given by JW and RA at the Institute of Public Rights of Way Annual Conference. He explained the fact that Redways have no apparent legal status, but are given quite high priority in Milton Keynes. He also explained the potential issues and legal connotations of when the council allows</p>	

<p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p>either a footpath or a bridleway to be built upon a redway. James explained the benefits of keeping the two types of path separate.</p> <p><u>CRoW Act 2000 'Cut off Date' Extension</u></p> <p>2026 has historically been the cut-off date by which you need to claim any historic rights of way that have never been recorded on the Definitive Map. Because the Regulations that support the legislation have never come into force, the government has extended the cut-off date to 2031.</p> <p>RA gave an update on the upcoming legislation and potential timescales regarding the various elements of it coming in. Solicitors are working on the legislation one piece at a time. The next update is expected May 2024.</p> <p>JW will send the DMMO web page link round to the LAF for their info about the process, and the existing register. GD may know of a potential route that needs to be claimed.</p> <p><u>Mike Mellor Way</u></p> <p>The LAF have come up with a circular route around Sherington and Olney to be a named route in the memory of Mike Mellow. JW shared the special waymarker discs that we have had made, and explained that we will speak to the relevant landowners about erecting them on their land. We'll get a description of the route put together and some downloadable maps. QR codes could potentially be looked at in the future.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p><u>Planning applications</u></p> <p>Future Fossil</p> <p>JW explained how this 2019 application had expired, and that the artists have re-applied recently for a scaled-down project. The application has however been withdrawn due to a lack of detail. The new application will not affect the bridleway to the same extent it did previously.</p>	
<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p>	<p><u>Members Items</u></p> <p>GD – Discussed the Paths accessibility fund. The Ramblers have received another anonymous donation which is to be used to fund access improvements to PRoW, preferably which are near urban areas.</p> <p>Options include a public footpath which travels through the church yard of St Lawrences church, Bradwell. It has a tar and chip path that is in need of repair.</p> <p>GD said we should consider routes that would assist disabled people.</p> <p>TS discussed how North Crawley and Little Crawley would like to have a notice board that would show historic information about the area and how the two areas link together. He wondered if that would qualify for this</p>	

6.2	<p>fund. GD thought potentially not, but sounds like an interesting project nevertheless.</p> <p>GD - Haversham cum Little Linford BW47 – part was recently resurfaced on the southern end of the route and she thinks the northern end could be surfaced. Could have some issues with landowner permissions.</p> <p>There is also a bridleway near the concrete cows on Stantonbury BW15 which has a poor bridleway surface in places - it suffers from muddy/boggy conditions.</p> <p>The LAF to submit any suggestions to the rights of way team.</p> <p>JF asked for the Blue Bridge DMMO update. JW explained that the rights of way team are now undertaking some of the work that our solicitors used to do. We have written the details of the Order and are awaiting it to be stamped by Legal and advertised.</p>	ALL
7.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>No A.O.B</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>	
	<p><u>Next meeting</u> – 6.30pm, 7th March 2023, Civic Offices.</p>	

These minutes are a true record of the event.

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