

Public Rights of Way and Access Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th July, 2019 at 10.00 am in Committee Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

Chair

County Councillor Cosima Towneley

Committee Members

County Councillor Jimmy Eaton BEM
County Councillor Ian Brown
Mrs Judith Burton
Mr P Davies
Mrs Rosemary Hogarth
David Kelly
Mrs Shirley Northcott
Ms Chris Peat
Mike Prescott
Roger Wright
Neil Herbert

Officers

David Goode, Lancashire County Council

County Councillor Cosima Towneley chaired the meeting in place of County Councillor Jimmy Eaton.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Stephen Clarke, Jenny Allen, Alison Boden and Adam Briggs.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 9 April 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 April 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Highways Act Orders and Town and Country Planning Act Orders

Regarding Highways Act Orders, the forum was informed that Legal Services had 65 live files. Since the last forum in April 2019, they had received 3 new applications and no matter had been closed.

18 applications had not yet been to committee. 10 applications were awaiting Order making. 3 Orders were in the objection period and 2 Orders were awaiting confirmation authorisation.

5 Orders needed to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as they had received objections. 2 Orders were awaiting confirmation as they required groundworks to be undertaken before they were confirmed and 25 Orders had been confirmed but were awaiting to be certified fit for use.

In terms of Town and Country Planning Act Orders, Legal services had 3 live files. 2 matters were awaiting to be confirmed following further advice from the Rights of Way Team. 1 matter was waiting for instructions on how to proceed.

5. Definitive Map Modification Orders

Legal services had 95 live files and since the last forum they had received 3 new applications and 3 matters had been closed.

32 matters were either in the consultation period or were being investigated before going to committee. 7 matters were awaiting Order making. 1 Order had been made and was in its objection period. 46 matters had received objections and would need referral to the Planning Inspectorate. 1 matter was still in negotiation.

6 matters had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination, 3 of which would be heard at a public inquiry in September 2019, November and January. 2 would be heard at a public inquiry with dates yet to be confirmed and 1 was being dealt by way of written representations. 2 Orders were awaiting confirmation authorisation.

Forum members pointed out that there were a lot of matters outstanding and were informed it would take years to clear them. The biggest cause of delay was a lack of resources.

6. Any Other Business

The forum was informed that Dinkley Footbridge, damaged by Storm Desmond, was now reopened. Dinkley footbridge had been constructed by Lancashire County Council using funds received from the Department of Transport.

7. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

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