

Public Rights of Way and Access Forum

Tuesday, 20th July, 2021 at 10.00 am in Zoom Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Agenda

No. Item

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 26 January 2021** (Pages 1 - 4)
(The minutes of the above meeting are attached)
- 4. Matters Arising**
- 5. Highways Act Orders and Town and Country Planning Act Orders** (Pages 5 - 6)
(Attached)
- 6. Definitive Map Modification Orders** (Pages 7 - 8)
(Attached)
- 7. Backlog of Reported Defects and Obstructions on the Public Rights of Way Network**
- 8. Missing Bridle Bridge at Penwortham**
- 9. Signage of Public Rights of Way**
- 10. Any Other Business**
- 11. Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Public Rights of Way and Access Forum will be held on Tuesday 18 January 2022.

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Agenda Item 3

Public Rights of Way and Access Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 26th January, 2021 at 10.00 am in Zoom
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Present:

Chair

County Councillor Jimmy Eaton BEM

Committee Members

County Councillor Ian Brown
County Councillor Stephen Clarke
Alison Boden, (Wyre Borough Council representative)
Adam Briggs, National Farmers Union (NFU)
Neil Herbert, Lancaster Ramblers Association
Mrs Rosemary Hogarth, (Long Distance Riders Group representative)
David Kelly, Ramblers Association
Ms Chris Peat, (British Horse Society representative)
Mike Prescott, Cycling UK
Roger Wright, (Highways Agency/Red Rose Land Rover Club representative)

Officers

Garth Harbison, Lancashire County Council

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Cosima Towneley, County Councillor Andrew Snowden, Jenny Allen and Mrs Shirley Northcott.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4 February 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 February 2020 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

The forum was informed that Legal Services had 82 live files. Since the last forum meeting Legal Services had received 19 new applications and 3 matters had been closed. 37 applications had not yet been to committee.

7 applications were awaiting Order making. 4 Orders were in the objection period and 3 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. 24 Orders had been confirmed but were awaiting to be certified fit for use.

There was concern over the amount of live files and the forum queried if Legal Services had diverted its resources elsewhere.

Regarding Town and Country Planning Act Orders, Legal Services had 2 live files. 2 matters were waiting to be confirmed following further advice from the Public Rights of Way Team.

5. Definitive Map Modification Orders

Legal Services had 156 live files. Since the last forum meeting they had received 69 new applications and 6 matters had been closed.

88 matters were either in the consultation period or were being investigated before going to committee.

8 matters were awaiting Order making. 9 Orders had been made and were in their objection period. 46 matters had received objections and would need referral to the Planning Inspectorate.

No matters had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. 2 matters were awaiting confirmation. 3 Orders had been confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate and were in the high court application window.

There was concern over the rise to 156 live files. This query would be taken back to Legal Services to find out why this had happened and if Legal Services could cope with the increase.

6. Any Other Business

For the next meeting of the forum a report was requested on how many footbridges were in need of replacement and for how long. There was also a request for how many replacement footbridges were expected to be provided in the next financial year.

There was concern over the erection of illegal signs due to the Covid pandemic. It was pointed out there were no walking restrictions because of Covid. A business guide for farmers and landowners had been produced.

There was concern that not enough attention was being paid to rural cycle ways.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings of the Forum would be:

Tuesday 20th July at 10:00am

Tuesday 18th January at 10:00am

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Agenda Item 5

HIGHWAYS ACT ORDERS – Forum 20th July 2021

- Legal services have **79** live files. Since the last forum we have received **2** new applications and **5** matters have been closed.
- **35** applications have not yet been to Committee
- **7** applications are awaiting Order making
- **4** Orders are in the objection period
- **2** Orders are awaiting confirmation authorisation
- **5** Orders need to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as they have received objections
- **2** Orders are awaiting confirmation as they require groundworks to be undertaken before they are confirmed
- **24** Orders have been confirmed but are awaiting to be certified fit for use

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT ORDERS

- Legal Services have **2** live files.
- **2** matters are waiting to be confirmed following further advice from the Rights of Way Team

INFORMATION TO FORUM FROM LEGAL SERVICES

20th July 2021

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS

- Legal Services have **177** live files.
- Since the last Forum we have received **24** new applications and **3** matters have been closed.
- **109** matters either are in the consultation period or are being investigated before going to Committee.
- **8** matters are awaiting Order making
- **4** Orders have been made and are in the objection period.
- **49** Orders have received objections and will need referral to the Planning Inspectorate.
- **3** Orders have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination.
- **3** Orders are awaiting confirmation
- **1** Order has been confirmed by the council and is in the high court application window.

