

| Item No. | LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 21st April 2016, 7pm Shire Hall Warwickshire County Council | <u>Action</u> |
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| 1. | <p>Present: Claire Sangster, Roger Stone, Mike Murray, Gina Rowe, John Hall, Robin Hickin, Vaughan Owen, Perminder Balu, Steven Wallsgrave, Joe Carroll, Sheila Cooper, Dave Allen, Chris Elmore (HS2), John Cuthbertson (Disabled Ramblers)</p> <p>Apologies:, Michael Orlik, Pat Barber, Annabel Arnold, Dave Keaney (SMBC)</p> <p>Members of the Public: Richard Lloyd</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Keith Davenport (WCC), Marion Borman (WCC), Lex Le Marinel (CCC) Paul Kinsella (WCC)</p> <p>Notes: Louise Richards (WCC)</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Disabled Ramblers Association – John Cuthbertson As John had a long journey it was agreed to move this item up the agenda. John gave a presentation to the LAF on the Disabled Ramblers Association, with information on equipment, routes and potential barriers and obstacle’s encountered along routes.</p> <p>The presentation can be downloaded from the link below; https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/4979120/New%20Barriers%20to%20Disabled%20Access.pptx</p> <p>John also distributed leaflets to the LAF to be circulated and promoted.</p> <p>The gate catch web address http://www.gatecatch.com/</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Notes from the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Cooper was welcomed back to the LAF following her knee operations • A Task and Finish Group has been set up under the chairmanship of Joe Carroll and including RS, MM, SC & AA, to look at ways of addressing the problem faced by Coventry City Council and needing urgent attention following the LAF concentration on HS2 • The Chair referred to articles which have been copied and circulated with the notes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Driverless Vehicles ○ Outdoor Recreation ○ Cycling investment | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some schools are leading circular walks for pupils in holidays and weekends. Would members of the LAF be willing to offer to talk to schools about local access. | |
| 4. | <p>Notes from the LAF Co-ordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any outstanding expenses to be returned asap Chase up Phil Nichols WCC Access Bridleway Officer Contact The British Horse Society for a representative | All LR LR |
| 5. | <p>Notes from meeting on 12th November 2015</p> <p>Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting</p> <p>All actions had been progressed.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>This meeting</p> <p>1. Abi Culley was unable to attend this meeting but sent the following note and a commitment to attend the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Briefing note for Local Access Forum on Warwickshire's Rural Agenda Review, Update April 2016</i></p> <p><i>Warwickshire County Council is in the process of reviewing our approach to the rural agenda. A rural statement, and action plan, is currently being developed for Warwickshire. An initial first stage consultation took place with key rural stakeholders within Warwickshire, to which the local Access Forum responded. Please accept our thanks.</i></p> <p><i>A range of issues was raised as part of the initial consultation. We are currently assessing action already taking place on each of these issues, and where WCC and partners may be able to impact. This information will be used alongside data already collected by Warwickshire Observatory and economic development to shape our rural statement and action plan. We anticipate a second stage consultation will be launched shortly. When this consultation is live we would really encourage your response.</i></p> <p><i>If the group could forward a designated contact email address for the group, in order to disseminate the consultation link in May, or if you feel it would be more appropriate I can forward the link to Louise for distribution.</i></p> <p><i>If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Abi Culley Tel 01926 412818 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) or email abiculley@warwickshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>2. David MaCann sent a briefing note to the LAF – see below. Chris Elmore attended the meeting and introduced himself to the LAF and gave a brief update of the current position. Chris will be working closely with Sarah Board WCC and will keep the LAF updated on a regular basis.</p> | LR |

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| | <p>LAF members wanted the Solihull rep to be involved in the updates too. Questions raised included; To what extent is HS2 relying on approval from the LAF on footpaths and diversions (cost implications), and who was responsible for the behaviour of contractors.</p> <p><i>Unfortunately my role has changed within the HS2 organisation and I now reside more centrally in Technical Directorate. However my email and telephone contact details have not changed; so you can still get hold of me should the need arise. It follows that my HS2 area team responsibilities, which include responsibility for maintaining contact with your good selves (and maintaining our relationship), passes across to my colleagues Lee Fisher and Chris Elmore. I have copied both Lee and Chris into this email.</i></p> <p><i>Lee is based in London and has taken over from me as the HS2 Country North Area Manager. He will now guide the hybrid Bill through the House of Lords select committee process. Chris is based in our Snow Hill office in Central Birmingham and importantly lives reasonably close to Warwick. Chris will now be with the construction side of the Project for the foreseeable future and picks up the local authority interfaces moving forward. I would see Chris as your main HS2 contact point moving forward. Lee will provide Chris with whatever technical and historical support he needs.</i></p> | |
| 7. | <p>Coventry City Council Update – Lex Marinell <u>Background</u></p> <p>When I started with CCC it was apparent that the PROW network was in a bad way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were over 100 DMMO applications with no attempt to process them since they had been received • No attempt had been made to digitise the Definitive Map inherited from Warwickshire or the LEMOs that had been made in early 2000 • Information held on paper was misleading and inaccurate <p><u>What has been accomplished</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Definitive Map and LEMOs have now been digitised • 3 DMMO have been processed by CCC; 2 confirmed and one rejected • PROWs are now on the Council's website <p>https://stratus.pbondemand.eu/connect/coventry/?mapcfg=planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has been done on getting the rural paths re-instated after ploughing and cropping. This had not been done previously but | |

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| | <p>progress is being made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal diversions are being tackled by reminding the occupier of their obligations • Good relationships are being built with landowners, occupiers and Councillors • Councillors on Planning Committee have received training about PROW • Good links with the Coventry Way Association have been built up and they have completed a number of jobs for the Council including helping to replace a bridge that had been stolen <p><u>Future work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to get a picture of the network and opening routes that have become obstructed • Working with farmers regarding their obligations for ploughing and cropping and keeping hedges cut back both in the rural and urban areas • Working on the consolidation of the Definitive Map as a long term project • Continuing work on the processing of DMMOs and PPOs • Developing and publishing a new ROWIP <p>Lex was congratulated on his progress.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Impact of Local Street Gazetteer – Paul Kinsella</p> <p>The LAF queried the issue of the LSG and concern was raised as to the impact on ROWs which will be lost unless recorded on the LSG by 2026. Hereford recently held a seminar to address these issues.</p> <p>ACTION: Hereford will be contacted and asked to attend the meeting in July to give a presentation to the LAF.</p> <p>A link to the WCC Street Gazetteer can be accessed below; roadworks.org.</p> <p>The site is primarily for displaying roadworks but does include the street gazetteer as one of its map layers. Providing you are zoomed in close enough it will display but if it doesn't display then go to the 'Map Layers' icon in the top-left corner of the screen and you will find the gazetteer under</p> | RH/ MM |

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| | <p>'Operational Info; where it can be toggled on and off.</p> <p>Clicking on the street centreline will bring up some information about it.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Feedback from LAF Co-ordinators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROW – Michael Orlik – no feedback to report • Disabled Access Issues – Joe Carroll – no feedback to report • Canals & Rivers - Roger Stone – no feedback to report | |
| 10. | <p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Economy – Abi Culley • Local Street Gazetteer – Presentation Hereford • Nov 10th meeting – Presentation on Dementia, Natural England research report into dementia and the natural environment <p>http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5910641209507840</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KD to discuss with relevant staff, whether Unclassified County Roads (UCR) should be included in the LAF membership | |
| 11. | <p>Date and venue for next meetings</p> <p>7th July 2016 10th Nov 2016</p> <p>Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, at Shire Hall, Warwick (7.00pm – 9.00pm). Parking will be available in the car park underneath Barrack Street Office.</p> | |