

NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

MINUTES

of meeting held on **12th July 2006** at the
Council House from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

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| ✓ Malcolm Bescoby | ✓ Nick Hynes |
| ✓ John Boland | ✓ Wendy Judge (Chair) |
| ✓ Bill Clarke | ✓ Trevor Muxlow |
| ✓ Roger Codling | Mary Myles |
| ✓ Angela Cooke | Councillor Packer |
| Councillor Grocock | Joan Wildgust |
| ✓ Tom Huggon | Bill Wright |
- ✓ - indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

John Lee (Secretary), Evie Sirel (Minutes)

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Councillor Grocock, Mary Myles, Councillor Packer, Joan Wildgust, Bill Wright

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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| 2.1 (Item 2.1) A letter has been sent to Greenwood School requesting their views on the creation of a path across their site, but no response received as yet. Tom Huggon to submit an application for a modification order if no progress is made. | J Lee, T Huggon |
| 2.2 (Item 2.2) Photos and information regarding the extractor on Hurts Yard have been passed to Councillor Grocock to make enquiries on the matter. | Cllr Grocock |
| 2.3 (Item 2.3) Bill Clarke has visited the footpath leading from St Leo's Church, which after about half a mile returns on itself. It appears at present that there is no opportunity to extend the path due to the tram line and allotment fences. | |
| 2.4 (Item 4.1) A funding application will shortly be submitted to WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Group) for improvements to the section of path from Queens Drive to Clifton Bridge. Members saw | |

the improvements made so far along the route when walked from Queens Drive to Attenborough.

- 2.5 (Item 4.2) With regard to improvements to the path along Hucknall Road, a set of steps have been improved that link the route with Stanstead School. Also plans to replace a set of steps with permanent fixed galvanised steps.
- 2.6 (Item 4.4) Signing at Colwick Woods was noted and appreciated.
- 2.7 (Item 7.1) Paul Boulton sent comments regarding the Trent Basin proposal, and confirmed that the footpath proposed along the banks of the river does deviate from the river edge, but is localised and only a short distance from the river edge. These proposals are however in the early stages and a planning application is due to be submitted in the near future.

3 ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY – PRESENTATION BY JENNIE MAYBURY

- 3.1 Jennie Maybury from the City Councils Transport Strategy Team gave a presentation on accessibility planning in Nottingham and distributed copies of the Accessibility Strategy to members. Any comments or queries to be directed to Jennie Maybury. All

4 WALK ABOUT – FEEDBACK FROM WALK TO ATTENBOROUGH NATURE RESERVE

- 4.1 9 members attended the walk which took approximately 2 hours. The recent improvements were commended and it was noted how well used the route is.
- 4.2 All agreed on Colwick Park as the next venue, which has been newly waymarked and signposted. It will be useful for members to trial the routes marked out prior to new leaflets being produced. Possible dates (Aug/Sept) will be sent out with the minutes. E Sirel

5 UPDATE ON DEFINITIVE RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY

- 5.1 No new routes have been added to the definitive map mainly due to other commitments, but investigations are ongoing into unrecorded paths to add in the future.
- 5.2 2 potential applications for modification orders may be submitted in the near future, both as a result of fencing erected obstructing the routes. One which leads from Richborough Place to Bramcote Woods and the other which runs along the Day Brook from Mansfield Road.
- 5.3 The signing and waymarking programme is about 80% complete.

6 UPDATE ON HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

6.1 The gating orders report has been submitted and approved by the Exec Board, a copy of which is to be sent out to members. E Sirel

6.2 Lees Hill Footway, a definitive footpath which is several hundred years old, has recently had unauthorised gates put up at both ends. Investigations revealed that they were installed as a result of complaints about crime and anti social behaviour. The gates are now not locked but still closed, so it is not obvious that the route is open to use. John Lee to ensure that the gates are locked open. J Lee

7 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

7.1 Sent out approximately 1500 user questionnaires to date, including 10 copies to each LAF member to distribute. Received 90 completed copies, but still a month left to the reply date. Additional copies to be sent to Nick Hynes and John Boland. E Sirel

7.2 Rights of Way Improvement Plan sub group to meet up after the questionnaire response deadline to go through the responses. John Lee to arrange. J Lee,

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Michael Gladwell has resigned from the forum with immediate effect. Agreed to send a letter on behalf of the forum to thank him for his input during his time as a member.

8.2 Paul Boulton has recently been promoted and is no longer involved in Rights of Way, therefore will hand over to Caroline Stylianou who is to attend the next meeting in October.

8.3 All agreed for the Access to Rivers and Waterways group to attend a future meeting and do a presentation on their work. J Lee

8.4 A request was put to members to hand in any outstanding travel expenses. All

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 Wednesday 11th October 2006

9.2 Vice-Chair John Boland to chair the meeting in the absence of Wendy Judge J Boland