

Item No.	LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Thursday 27th July 2017, 7pm <u>Shire Hall, Warwickshire County Council</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Claire Sangster, Joe Carroll, Michael Orlik, Sheila Cooper, Steven Wallsgrove, John Hall, , Mike Murray, Vaughan Owen, Dave Allen, Robin Hickin, Perminder Balu, Annabel Arnold, Cllr Andy Wright</p> <p>Apologies: Gina Rowe, Roger Stone, Keith Davenport, Marion Borman, Walter Bailey, Susan Bridges, Peter Ettrick</p> <p>Members of the Public: Richard Lloyd, Rob Nickerson</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Richard Barnard (WCC), David Keaney (SMBC), Lex Le Marinel (CCC)</p> <p>Notes: Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Notes from meeting on 30 March 2017 Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting All actions had been progressed.</p> <p>Item 7) Typo: Asset – should read ‘Assent’ Item 10) Typo: Dominated – should read ‘Nominated’ Item 12) Typo: ti – should read ‘to’ Item 13) Typo: Boreman – should read ‘Borman’</p>	
3.	<p>Notes from the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further message of thanks given to previous Chair, Claire Sangster • Message of thanks given to Perminder Balu who is stepping down after 10 years on LAF 	
4.	<p>Notes from the LAF Co-ordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Update on A46 Link Road</u> <p>Latest information was circulated with plan of new junction layout. Comments were invited on the proposal for a pedestrian / cycle facility at the junction. Comments raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include footbridge across Stoneleigh Road • support for pedestrian / cycle route • request for provision for horse riders • mark PROW on future plans of junction • students are parking unofficially in lay-by near to mini roundabout and walking to university site. Details (sketch) to be passed to Nicola van der Hoven 	AR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Update on draft Rural Economy Plan</u> WCC Economic Growth team are currently finalising the document for publication in the Autumn • <u>Update on WCC Rights of Way team</u> 2016/17 summary of works by WCC Rights of Way team was circulated. The team has had staffing levels reduced from 16 to 8 Comments raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • praise for the high output from the team • praise for the recruitment and use of volunteers • request for the summary to also include totals of works outstanding for each category <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where a landowner creates an unauthorised diversion from the definitive path this could lead to two routes across the land • landowners are the owners of the pathway and associated furniture and would need to be approached directly to influence the types of access gates / stiles installed <p>Richard Lloyd was invited to speak about general state of footpaths in SMBC. Issues raised included speed of response to clear obstructions, ability to challenge the Highway Authority on its output as measured against performance targets</p> <p>In response: LAF members advised that users have the right to clear paths. That high footfall keeps pathways clear. Rural Payments Agency could be informed. Single Farm payments could be stopped if paths are not maintained appropriately.</p> <p>SMBC Highway Team was restructured in 2016/17. Mowing & strimming service was contracted out and has had some teething problems. Unfortunately a key member of staff has been off for 6 months.</p>	
5.	<p>Update: HS2 Local Engagement Due to apologies - reschedule to next meeting</p>	AR
6.	<p>Access Gazetteer Rob Nickerson, Mappa Mercia</p> <p>Rob Nickerson introduced the use of 'OpenStreetMap' to build a record of up to date information based on maps.</p> <p>The on-line facility is open to anyone to use / add information to. The site is free to use. Typically maps are updated by companies, organisations and individuals.</p>	

	<p>For example Highway England and Birmingham City Council regularly use of the site.</p> <p>For more information go to: https://www.openstreetmap.org</p> <p>Rob's local group, Mappa Mercia which supports 'OpenStreetMap' in the West Midlands has completed a map of gritting routes across the region. http://www.mappa-merciamap.org/</p>	
7.	<p>Latest on Deregulation Act 2015 Michael Orlik Stakeholder working party is meeting 3 times per year under the guidance of DEFRA to bring the Act into force. New projected timeframe is April 2018 although this is by no means certain.</p>	
8.	<p>Highway obstructions Robin Hickin presented and circulated a 'handout' highlighting the different obstructions that could be encountered by rights of way users and the use of law to challenging there removal.</p> <p>Information taken from Cycling UK website and Rights of Way Law & Practice, published by Ramblers Association</p> <p>A discussion was held as to the best approach to take for eight examples of potential obstructions to the highway.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that issues of obstruction should be reported to the Highway Authority.</p> <p>Each Parish Council had a copy of the Definitive Map of rights of way in their Parish which could be consulted.</p>	
9.	<p>Membership list and vacancies Members were asked to refresh their details of LAF interests and declare when they became LAF members</p>	ALL
10.	<p>AOB The Coventry and Solihull officers were requested to produce lists of works carried out in the previous twelve months at the next meeting similar to the list produced by the officers for Warwickshire under Item 4 above.</p>	DK / LM

11.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: Footpaths & Rivers – Roger Stone • Presentation: ‘Is it nice outside?’ – Natural England report on dementia • Presentation: A46 Link Road at Stoneleigh – Nicola van der Hoven / Adrian Hart • HS2 – Local engagement – Jonathan Lord / Susan Bridges 	
12.	<p>Date and venue for next meetings</p> <p>2pm 12th October – AFTERNOON MEETING 7pm 29th March 2018</p> <p>Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, at Shire Hall, Warwick (7.00pm – 9.00pm) unless otherwise stated. Do not try to enter the building before 6.30pm Evening parking is available in the car par underneath Barrack Street Office.</p>	