

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOCAL ACCESS FORUM</b>  <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 7pm</b>  <b>Shire Hall, Warwickshire County Council</b></p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p><b>Present:</b>, Michael Orlik, Joe Carroll, Roger Stone, Vaughan Owen, Mike Murray, John Hall, Steven Wallsgrove, Sheila Cooper, Gina Rowe</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>, Cllr Andy Wright, Annabel Arnold, Dave Allen, Robin Hickin, Heather Clatworthy, Claire Sangster Lex Le Marinel (CCC), Keith Davenport (WCC)</p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b> None</p> <p><b>Officers in Attendance:</b> Marion Borman (WCC), David Keaney (SMBC)</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b>Alex Esslemont(LaingMurphy); Susan Bridges(HS2)</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Alistair Rigby (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Notes from meeting on 12 October 2017</b> Notes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting Actions had been progressed.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Notes from the Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resignations Dave Allen due to irreconcilable differences. Annabel Arnold due to personal circumstances</li> </ul> <p>Appointing officers to approach NFU for representative to replace Annabel Arnold Appointing officers to approach town centre managers from Coventry, Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth for representation</p> <p>Advert to go to 'Rural Hub' website to recruit new members <a href="http://www.ruralhub.org.uk/">http://www.ruralhub.org.uk/</a></p>	<p><b>KD, DK, LM</b></p> <p><b>AR</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Notes from the LAF Co-ordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waymark journal on-line subscription not to be renewed</li> <li>• Natural England have provided a copy of 'Rights of Way: Restoring the Record' 2<sup>nd</sup> edition to LAF for use and reference. Training is available by the authors to support those researching historic rights of way Steven Wallsgrove commented that as a long serving volunteer at County Records Office, Warwick he has not seen any members of the public come in to research public paths</li> <li>• Variation to the Fillongley Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 (PSPO) was supported. The variation allows access by 'motorcycles, pedal cycles, mobility scooters, horse-drawn</li> </ul>	

	<p>carriages' to Didgley Lane and Bun Lane, Fillongley, North Warwickshire where a PSPO is in force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on A46 link road at Stoneleigh junction was read out and shared. Planning application hearing has been delayed in order for the resolution of technical issues to be completed. Awaiting formal funding approval from WCC, Department for Transport, and West Midlands Combined Authority. Targeting a start on site in autumn 2018</li> <li>• Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) has funding available for capital projects eg access routes and paths to support tourism infrastructure. Deadline for expressions of interest is 31 May 2018.</li> </ul> <p>Growth Programme: Rural Tourism Infrastructure Handbook is available on-line  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme</a></p>	
5.	<p><b>Update: HS2 Local Engagement</b>  Susan Bridges, Engagement Manager, HS2 gave an update Susan's area of responsibility lies between Long Itchington to Hampton in Arden and spur into Birmingham from Warwickshire border to Castle Bromwich.</p> <p>Tahir Ahmed, Engagement Manager, HS2 is responsible officer for route between Hampton in Arden to Rugeley</p> <p>Rachel Johnson, Engagement Manager, HS2 for station construction</p> <p>In April Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) to provide detail of design final draft. Main Works construction to start in 2019 beginning with Long Itchington tunnel.</p> <p>BBV contracted to come to LAF meeting in October.</p> <p>Dedicated HS2 website launched with interactive route map (previously hosted on Gov.uk website).  <a href="https://www.hs2.org.uk/">https://www.hs2.org.uk/</a></p> <p>To find out about what is happening in local area and to sign up for updates about activities visit the digital engagement site for Warwickshire and other areas  <a href="https://hs2.commonplace.is/">https://hs2.commonplace.is/</a></p> <p>Local public drop-in sessions are scheduled on a regular basis. Check website above for details.</p> <p>Kenilworth Greenway Forum has been set up and met recently. Membership includes: HS2, Greenway Trust, local authorities. Next meeting is in May. Minutes to be shared with LAF.</p>	SB

	<p>Alex Esslemont, Enabling Works Contractor, Laing Murphy (LM) gave an update on progress in North 1. Enabling Works contract has been live since November 2016.</p> <p>Priority areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mitigation projects at Burton Green and Finham Brook, Kenilworth</li> <li>• detail design work for Kenilworth Greenway diversion and Burton Green access road through Crackley</li> </ul> <p>Other works include Ecological surveys around The Fosse Way and along HS2 route between Offchurch - Bascote completed. Another 65Km of route to do.</p> <p>In response to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general information to be shared on methods of woodland habitat relocation</li> <li>• enablement works programme to be shared</li> <li>• public drop-in event to discuss environmental measures for The Greenway, Kenilworth to be arranged</li> </ul> <p>Alex requested notice of two weeks for any specific HS2 topics that the LAF would like to be briefed on.</p>	<b>AE</b>
7.	<p><b>Update: Rural Growth Plan for Warwickshire</b> Item adjourned to next meeting. This is a policy document that highlights priorities to support and stimulate the rural economy of Warwickshire. One such priority is support of access and community networks</p> <p>The Plan was circulated before the meeting and comments received from members have been forwarded</p>	
8.	<p><b>Discussion: Dogs, walkers &amp; livestock</b> Michael Orlik and Roger Stone introduced the item and highlighted the recommendations of the All-party Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare with regard to livestock worrying. Copies of the report were circulated.</p> <p>Recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dog owners to socialise and train dogs to ensure dog &amp; animal safety</li> <li>• farmers and local authorities to take measures to prevent worrying and attacks</li> <li>• dog organisations to produce consistent information and disseminate through vets &amp; pet shops</li> </ul> <p>Comments about the report included clearer definitions needed for 'livestock' and 'under close control' of dog by owner</p>	

	It was highlighted that similar problems occur on nature reserves with worrying and attacks on wildlife	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Rights of Way team updates (WCC, CCC, SMBC)</b></p> <p><u>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council(SMBC):</u> David Keaney – SMBC access team have recruited an officer with Rights of Way responsibilities to work alongside part time assistant engineer 3 days per week</p> <p>New footbridge at Barston, Solihull is complete</p> <p>Ravenshaw bridge, Solihull at ford may close due to disrepair</p> <p><u>Warwickshire County Council(WCC):</u> WCC – Kings Newnham Lane bridge, Rugby £100K investment to reinstate footbridge across River Avon is due to open imminently</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Footpaths at Draycote reservoir, Rugby Public question was discussed requesting LAF to look into the extinguishment of paths to make way for the reservoir in 1969 and banning of dogs at Draycote reservoir by Severn Trent.</p> <p>It was agreed for Chair to write to Ms Fell saying that the footpaths were closed by law following due process and that LAF supported the existing ban of dogs around reservoirs in the interest of public health.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Chair / Vice Chair</li> <li>• Rural Growth Plan for Warwickshire – Chris Egan</li> <li>• Presentation: A46 Link Road at Stoneleigh – Nicola van der Hoven / Adrian Hart</li> <li>• HS2 – Local engagement – Jonathan Lord / Susan Bridges</li> <li>• Green Space Strategy Coventry CC – Michelle Tyrtania</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date and venue for next meetings</b></p> <p>7pm 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018</p> <p>Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, at Shire Hall, Warwick (7.00pm – 9.00pm) unless otherwise stated. Please do not try to enter the building before 6.30pm</p> <p>Evening parking is available in the car park underneath Barrack Street Office.</p>	