

Milton Keynes Local Access Forum
18.30, 6th June 2024 MK Council Civic Offices (Room 1.25)

Item		Action
1.0	<p><u>Present:</u> Steve Crowther (SC), Gail Dunn (GD), Terry Smith (TS), Suzanne Martin (SM)</p> <p><u>MKCC LAF support:</u> James Walsh (JW), Rosie Armstrong (RA)</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Deborah Cooper, John Franklin</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>3.1 GD provided an update on the Rambler Path Accessibility Fund scheme. Feedback from the scheme organisers was provided that this year they had focused on providing gates although they had received various surfacing applications such as the one GD put together. It is foreseen such applications will be held annually and it recognised that this was the first time an application had been put together for this scheme. Therefore, a better idea is now had for future funding applications.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Rights of Way Section Report</u></p> <p>4.1 <i>Genealogist Website</i></p> <p>JW explained the RoW team had recently obtained access to the Genealogist Website. This is a subscription service which provides various specialist maps that are not otherwise easily available. The British Horse Society (BHS) have been using it for their DMMO applications which is how the team became aware of it. Of particular interest to the Rights of Way Team are Tithe awards and 1910 Finance Act plans.</p> <p>A current DMMO case was used to demonstrate how such mapping could be useful in investigating such cases.</p> <p>4.2 <i>Petsoe DMMO Case</i></p> <p>An overview was provided including recent advice provided by the barrister appointed to the case. TS said it was important that MKCC go with the advice provided by the barrister. Aerial photography as another avenue of investigation is being actively pursued.</p> <p>RA discussed how a venue will need to be found with various options being considered.</p>	

4.3	<p><u>Shenley Brook End BW9</u></p> <p>JW described a scenario involving a Public Bridleway which had overtime become overgrown with an adjacent route across the border in Buckinghamshire being the one that was actually used. A recent planning application relating to the field that the bridleway was in has flagged this up. The correct route has been cleared of vegetation and opened up to the public once more. Discussions have been had with the developer as to how the bridleway can be accommodated within their proposals.</p>	
5.0 5.1 5.2 5.3	<p><u>Planning applications</u></p> <p><i>Lyefield, Orchard Way, North Crawley (reference: 24/00027/FUL)</i> A small-scale development was discussed where an existing public footpath will be subsumed within a new estate road/pavement. A discussion was had around the issues surrounding this scenario.</p> <p><i>Land North of 28 Chicheley Road, North Crawley (reference: 24/00586/FUL)</i> JW provided an overview of a development immediately adjacent to the reference listed above. Various issues with this application were discussed including the placement of a SUDS ponds apparently on the proposed footpath alignment.</p> <p>It was discussed that the LAF in certain scenarios will want to comment on significant planning consultations as a body in their own right. It was felt that an additional response highlighting RoW matters could be helpful in bigger applications. It was agreed that should the Rights of Way team receive a significant planning consultation that was deemed worthy of note, details of it should be shared with LAF members for further discussion.</p>	RoW Team
6.0 6.1	<p><u>Members Items</u></p> <p>GD –Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Notices. GD brought up an issue relating to a notice within the MK Citizen relating to a temporary closure notice at Moulsoe Footpath 2 (MK East). The notice incorrectly GD asked whether this function could be managed by the RoW Team. JW explained that it would be an additional pressure. JW has flagged this particular issue up to the relevant team within the Highways Department to avoid any repeat mistakes.</p>	
7.0 7.1	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>RA outlined she had been contacted by former LAF member Donald McCallum. RA & JW had visited him at his home and were able to discuss</p>	

7.2	various matters including updates on DMMO applications he had been involved with. GD discussed how she receives information from the Buckinghamshire LAF. Anything significant can be shared in future meetings.	
	Meeting closed at 8.45pm	
	Next meeting – 6.30pm, 3 rd October 2024, Civic Offices.	

These minutes are a true record of the event.

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