

**Peak District Local Access Forum
Green Lanes Sub-group
Aldern House
13 November 2014**

Attendees:

John Thompson (Chair), Richard Entwistle, Henry Folkard, Charlotte Gilbert, Mike Johnson, James Kellie, Sue Weatherley
Mike Rhodes, Rich Pett, Gill Millward, Sue Smith (for part)

Apologies:

Edwina Edwards, Richard Peart, Ally Turner, Clare Griffin

1. Notes of last meeting

Notes of the meeting were received.

2. Priority Routes

The Sub-group considered their reports following the site inspection in September and summarised their views as below:

Washgates/Leycotes

- PDNPA to approach Staffordshire Highways with the subgroup's observations and ask for a reply within a set timescale
- PDNPA to involve user groups in the same way and request feedback

Rake Head Lane - Hollinsclough

- PDNPA to approach Staffordshire Highways highlighting the sub-group's concerns about potential wash off of materials from the green lane onto the road

Limer Rake/Swan Rake - Hollinsclough

The subgroup decided it was expedient to discuss these routes together

- PDNPA to ascertain the proposals and aspirations of the Hollinsclough Action group and the parish council
- Approach Staffordshire Highways with the subgroup's observations and ask for a reply within asset timescale
- Speak to the local ranger and councillor with a view to further assessing local wishes and suggestions

Wetton NCH

The Sub-group expressed concern about the current state of the route and that opportunity exists to take action before the route further deteriorates, but that action needs to be taken urgently.

- PDNPA to approach the National Trust and PPCV with a view to carrying out minor repair works on rutted section, infilling with appropriate stone materials
- Escalate the monitoring of this route to ensure it does not deteriorate further and that if deterioration continues, actions should be escalated.

3. Chapel Gate Repairs

The Sub-group carefully considered the information on the works provided by Peter White, Derbyshire CC. Members also commented from their observations of the route.

Members felt that the landscape and environment were key issues on this route and that any improvements to make the route as accessible as possible should be viewed in light of the character of the route and its surroundings.

They considered that repairs to the waterlogged pond area on the open moorland and the clearance of the gullies at the Edale end, where road planings had been washed down into them, were of greater priority. The need for ongoing routine maintenance was also identified.

Concerns were expressed over whether the proposed treatment of the exposed bedrock was necessary and whether it would be washed out. The need to surface the definitive line over the moorland section was also questioned now that motorised vehicle use was prohibited.

Further clarification was sought on the nature and extent of the intended works and any interim and remedial works that could be undertaken. Members were also interested in the comments from Natural England. The potential for a site visit was also raised and members proposed that further information should be sought from DCC to consider at the Forum meeting in December.

Members agreed that they would require timely consultation on schemes such as this and particularly for the other 23 priority routes with which they have a long established interest and input. Initial consultation with the LAF on the proposed routes to be included in DCC's annual Green Lane Action Plans would allow issues to be identified at an early stage. Detailed drawings and specifications would then be required prior to any works commencing to enable the LAF to give a more informed response.

It was agreed that the Sub-group notes would be reported to the December Forum meeting and that the LAF would write to DCC covering the following issues:

- DCC's costed Green Lanes Action Plans should be reported to and discussed at LAF well in advance of works
- Landscape impacts/effects are paramount on open country routes
- Proper consultation on the detail of works before they recommence
- This consultation should include NE, NPA, LAF members, user groups
- Plans should include an indication of what the end result will look like
- Maintenance is as important as construction (ie Edale section)
- The unfinished works can't be left as they are

4. DCC Legal Update

The latest legal update is attached in Appendix 1.

5. DoNM

5 February 2015.

Legal status of routes - DCC Update – 13 November 2014

| Route name | Status | Legal Stage |
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| Chapel Gate, Edale/ Chapel en le Frith | Byway Open to All Traffic | Concluded |
| Cherpit Lane and Leys Lane, Little Longstone | Byway Open to All Traffic | Concluded |
| Long Causeway, Bamford/ Sheffield | Byway Open to All Traffic | Concluded |
| School Lane, Great Hucklow | Byway Open to All Traffic | Concluded |
| Nether Bretton, Eyam | Byway Open to All Traffic | Concluded |
| Brough Lane, Brough and Shatton | Byway Open to All Traffic | Concluded |
| Shatton Lane, Brough and Shatton | Byway Open to All Traffic | Concluded |
| Bradley Lane, Pilsley | Public Bridleway | Concluded |
| Riley Lane, Eyam | Byway Open to All Traffic/ Public Footpath | Planning Inspector's final decision issued on 6 November 2014 following second Public Inquiry held on 2 September 2014 |
| Hurstclough Lane, Outseats | | Objections to BOAT Order made on 15 March 2012. Being prepared to send off to Planning Inspectorate |
| Bamford Clough, Bamford | | Objections to BOAT Order made on 29 March 2012. Being prepared to send off to Planning Inspectorate |
| Black Harry Lane, Stoney Middleton | | Awaiting Planning Inspector's decision following Public Inquiry held on 21 October 2014 |

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| Moorlands Lane, Bonsall | | BOAT Order drafted and awaiting publication |
| Hay Dale, Wheston | | Objections to BOAT Order made on 30 January 2014 |
| Sough Lane, Taddington | | Objections to BOAT Order made on 16 January 2014. |
| Upperdale, Brushfield | | Objections to Bridleway/ Footpath Order made on 23 January 2014 |
| Monksdale Lane, Tideswell | | BOAT Order for section near Wheston confirmed and brought into effect on 16 October 2014. Objections to Bridleway Order made on 26 June 2014 for section from Monksdale House to Meadow Lane. |
| Clough Wood, Birchover | | Initial consultation complete. Scheduled for committee in 2014 |
| Derby Lane, Monyash | | Initial consultation complete. Scheduled for committee in 2015 |
| Pindale, Castleton | | Initial consultation planned for 2014 |
| Minninglow and Gallowlow Lanes, Ballidon | | Initial consultation planned for 2014 |
| The Roych, Chapel en le Frith | | |
| The Cop, Peak Forest | | |
| Washgates, Leycote | | |