

Calderdale Local Access Forum

MONDAY 10th February 2025 - Teams meeting 6.15pm start

Apologies: Danielle Haslam, Sarah Talbot, Brian Crossley, Antony de Heveningham.

Present: Graham Hale, Julie Swift, Councillor Danielle Durrans, Mark Corrigan, Tim Brooks, Sally Parker, Sarah Ramsden, Councillor Scott Patient, Moy Cash.

1. Welcome and introductions

Sarah T was unable to attend the meeting, so Councillor Patient chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions followed.

2. Matter Arising from last meeting.

i. HX1 Back Lane, Ogden update.

Mark asked Tim to look at the history of this route. Tim said that Pat would replace the missing handle on the gate. There is no registered owner for the eastern end of the route. History of the route shows that in 1893 there were 2 gates, none of which were at the eastern end. In 1970 there was 1 gate at the western end and 2 at the eastern end. Bit of a mismatch which needs a clearer picture to enable enforcement. Mark said that he understands that there is an anomaly but that it is causing a problem so needs resolving. Tim replied that as long as the gates are easy to use, will struggle to enforce. Suggestion made to focus on the two gates in the middle of the route. Sally said that one of these (the one without the handle) shuts too quickly for a horse to safely get through. Would be ok if self-

closing mechanism was removed but not needed, Tim to update at next meeting. **Action: Tim**

ii. **HX 313 and HX 314 Shibden Valley footpath issues**

No update.

iii. **Hx16 Coal Lane, Ogden**

Sally and Sarah T are gathering evidence to put in a claim.

Leave on agenda for next meeting.

iv. **Moor Bottom Lane (formally Balkram Edge)**

Still open and available. Fingers crossed! **Action: Remove from agenda**

Ripponden 99 Heys Lane/Folly Lane

This has been with Enforcement for over a year with no update.

Councillor Patient offered to follow up. Sarah R said that this has been going on for over 3 years now, Discussion followed about the way forward. Councillor Patient said that he would talk to Tim outside of the meeting.

Action: Councillor Patient to follow up with Enforcement and Tim.

v. **Pump Lane**

The work is now complete and has hopefully survived the floods.

Action: Julie to take off agenda.

vi. **Elland 64 Carr Hall Lane update**

This is on next year's capital projects list. Leave on agenda.

vii. **Quad bikes on Dark Lane, Southowram**

Very quiet at the moment. One to keep an eye on as the weather improves.

viii. Beacon Hill

On capital projects list for 25/26. **Action: Update next meeting.**

ix. HX 311 Ringby Lane back of Leo Group, illegal gate across the Bridleway.

Tim still not sure where the gates are, needs to resolve so this can go to Enforcement. Sally offered to check and report back to Tim. Action: Sally to check site and report back to Tim.

Action: update at April meeting.

x. HX 302 Locked gates at Holmfield, bottom of the Howcans bridleway

With Enforcement. **Action – Ongoing.**

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xi. Ripp 21 near Making Place Hall, Ripponden – land grab for garden.

This has now been reopened following Enforcement. Councillor Patient offered to check it is still open. **Action: Councillor Patient to check status of path.**

All items below are pending information being available.

xii. Permissive path at old station at Kebroyd

No update.

xiii. Acre Lane, Heptonstall

An order has been made to upgrade this route but following objections has been referred to PINS.

xiv. Rights of Way Improvement Plan

No update.

xv. Hangingstones Lane

The restricted byway has been turned down. With Planning Inspectorate.

xvi. Elland 77 Dean House Lane, Stainland

No update.

3. DMMO application update

List circulated prior to meeting. 3 reports back from consultant, decision needs making. Brig 21 and 23 upgraded to bridleway. Acre Lane with PINS.

4. Updates from members

Sarah R – Recent floods have caused damage to Cockpit Lane, gravel has washed deep trenches to the bottom 200 yards. Tim said that Pat is aware of this and is looking at seeding surface and reinstating the drainage.

Councillor Patient - mentioned some damage on the Calderdale Way that CROWS had brought to his attention.

Mark – said that there is some Government funding for damage to routes caused by floods. Mark offered to send the link to Tim. **Action:**

Mark

Anthony – emailed Julie list of routes damaged by flooding. Anthony said he would email details to Tim.

- The bottom section of Hollas Lane (Sowerby Bridge 081, which Tim just got fixed!)
- The bottom of Lumb Road (Heptonstall 042)
- The permissive bridleway from Withens Clough to the Long Stoup (on Yorkshire Water land)
- The track through Crow Nest Wood behind Hebden station (Hebden Royd 011, bottom section fixed by a local farmer but not for long).

Action: Anthony to email Tim

Moy – Talked about the NFM grants that might be used to get water off the RoW? Suggested that Tim talks to Ben Fenton.

Action: Tim to talk to Ben Fenton

Councillor Patient - asked members of the LAF to spread the word about the NFM grants.

5. Proposed footpath diversions

Temporary diversion at a quarry in Shelf with Legal.

6. Any other business

Mark asked about the Rights of Way Improvement Plan update. Tim said that he needed to find a contractor to take this on but that he was struggling to find one. Mark offered to email suggestions to Tim.

Action: Mark

7. Date of next meeting – Monday 14th April 2025

Please note contacts for reporting issues on Rights of Way

General Rights of Way enquiries: Rightsofway@calderdale.gov.uk

Enforcement issues: community-safety@calderdale.gov.uk