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Minutes of the **MEETING of the RUTLAND COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM** held via Zoom on Wednesday, 8th March, 2023 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor A Brown (Chair)
John Law
Rosemary Harris
Roger Linford
Richard Buchanan

ABSENT: William Cross
William Kirstein

OFFICERS PRESENT: Stuart Crook Highways Asset Management and Policy Manager
David Ebbage Democratic Services Officer
Mark Young Senior Facilitator – Neighbourhood Working

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from William Cross and William Kirstein.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2022 were considered and **AGREED** as a true record.

4 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

5 MILES WITHOUT BARRIERS

John Law introduced the written report on Miles Without Barriers.

He informed the forum that all the data for the Rutland PROW network was analysed displaying the individual PROW with their structural barrier/s. It was decided to categorise every PROW. This initial categorisation was to assist in understanding the PROWs that need no work or very little work to be undertaken, to make them more accessible for people with limited mobility.

Mark Young, Senior Facilitator for Neighbourhood working was happy to promote the service through the Rutland Integrated Social Empowerment Service and to make people in Rutland aware of leaflets and walks that are already out there. It was also agreed to potentially promote Miles Without Barriers through the Ramblers Association and Community Engagement events.

John informed the forum that the Lincolnshire Social Prescribing were doing a survey which could be joined up with Rutland and potentially could replicate something similar for the future.

It was agreed by the Forum for John to reach out to various groups for their input and to ensure what we provide is what was needed.

6 LEGAL ORDERS

Stuart Crook, Highways Asset Management and Policy Manager introduced the written report.

He updated the Forum on the current process for Legal Orders and that all rights of way orders must go through the Planning and Licensing Committee. A rise in applications under the Town and Country Planning Act had been received. He informed members that this potentially was down to the Councils current position with the Local Plan.

He informed the Forum that notice had been given on RCCDC/M17 (footpath between Main Street in Barrow and Sheep Dyke in Cottesmore), the consultant had recommended to make the order which would add a new footpath between Cottesmore and Barrow.

7 ANY URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 6th September 2023 at 2pm.

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Chairman closed the meeting at 3.00pm.

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