

Minutes of the Byways Liaison Group Meeting 10.00 Wednesday 24th March 2010	
	Actions
<p>Present: Richard Knight (SC), Ray Dadd (CRAG), Bob Smith (CRAG), Tim Stephens (LARA), David Cowell (National Trust), Mike Dutton (BCDA)</p> <p>Apologies: Deb Hughes (SC), Jim Stabler (SC), Kevin Jones (SC)</p>	
<p>Minutes from last meeting The minutes were read and agreed as an accurate record of the previous liaison group meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising The possibility of having a web page or portal to show and Voluntary Constraints, Closures, TRO's and guidance for Byway users was noted as still not being in existence. RK agreed to discuss the options with Jim Stabler in the countryside access team who may be able to help.</p> <p>General Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RK reported on the issues with BOAT 54 Alveley and the drainage issue that needs sorting before surfacing can be done. RK/BS to view the issue when drier and RD offered the use of his jetter lorry with camera to investigate one drainage option. • BOAT 8 Stanton Long (Bush Farm) – Bob Smith and his team have done a great job of repairing this route with stone. This took nearly 2 weeks and a lot of stone. • BOAT 4 Lydbury North – RK has found the landowner. BS/RK to programme the filing in of the hole in the summer. • BOAT 1 Clunbury – BS/RK to programme the work in the summer. • BS and Paul Daly of the Parish Access Project are also working on improvements to BOAT 13 in Quatt Malvern which arose when the Parish Access Project were in the area. <p>These are the projects that work will be done first & once completed the following areas will be looked at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Turnings, raise surface and clearance (BOAT 50 Clun) – also the issue of vehicles slipping into the fence needs sorting • Footbridge on Rowe Lane – BOAT 12/14 Munslow) • BOAT 5 Richards Castle – Next phase of works – It was reported that the scrap yard end of this route is again blocked by the yard. 	<p style="text-align: center;">RK to discuss with JS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RK/BS to progress</p>
<p>UCR Management RK reported that highways had now committed to £35k funding for the UCR's that the countryside access team had taken over. This is a permanent commitment as far as we know and the money will be used to complete the survey, carry out practical improvements and improve signage. The group then discusses signage and RK reported that UCR's will be signed as public right of way with an agreed waymarker between the group and highways. The group preferred a red arrow to be on the waymarker and requested that whatever is on the waymarker is referenced on the website for guidance.</p>	

<p>Discussion re: Clunton UCR – This route with no recorded status in the middle came up again. BS reported that he knew people who were researching the history of the route. TS stated that driving the middle section was not illegal and warned against claiming it in case it became a restricted byway as seems to be the trend with inspectors.</p> <p>The Church Stretton end of Cwms Lane also came up. RK to check is diversion of this end is still on the cards.</p> <p>There followed a discussion about the dual status/ dual recorded routes and what were the consequences of the 2026 cut off. RK confirmed that highways were not able to give the commitment that all UCR's have vehicular status. This left uncertainty about the future status of UCR's that also have rights of way recorded.</p>	<p>RK to check if diversion is ongoing</p>
<p>Voluntary Restraints None at present</p> <p>MD asked if carriage drivers were permitted over Mitchel's Fold where a permanent TRO is in force. RK to check</p>	<p>RK to check details of TRO</p>
<p>Volunteer Support and Priorities for the Forthcoming Year RK reported and all agreed that the list of works above represented the priorities as of the meeting date. Mike Dutton offered his help and his members for practical tasks such as lane clearing. BS confirmed that he would continue to offer practical help and volunteers for ongoing issues.</p>	
<p>Obstructions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darnford Lane, Claverley – RK reported that the local highway manager was looking into the use and obstruction of this route and also the signage. RK believes that the bollard has been removed. • Hungerford Steps – RK reports that KJ has not visited the site, but that there have been no further occurrences of obstruction. • DC reported that he was going to widen a track on Coates farm track prior to July. • DC reported that the Medlicott track was in need of drainage work. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD felt that the historical value of old roads and Byways was not being fully considered under the Town and Country Planning Act when diversions are being considered. 	
<p>Date of next meeting - 16th September 2010 at 10.00- 12.00 Craven Arms Community Centre</p>	