Shropshire Local Access Forum

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10.00 a.m.

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Minutes of the Byways Liaison Group Meeting 10.00 Thursday 16 th September 2010	
10.00 Thursday 10 September 2010	Actions
Present: Richard Knight (SC), Ray Dadd (CRAG), Bob Smith (CRAG), Mike Dutton (BCDA), Gareph Boxley (CRAG)	
Apologies : Deb Hughes (SC), Jim Stabler (SC), Kevin Jones (SC) David Cowell (National Trust)	
Minutes from last meeting The minutes were read and agreed as an accurate record of the previous liaison group meeting.	
Matters Arising The issue of how closures were put on SC's web site was again discussed and RK reported that these pages were being updated and improved at this time. It was reported that the Lake District have a downloadable spreadsheet of closures which was very useful.	
 RK and BS report that the works to repair BOAT 4 in Lydbury North and BOAT 1 in Clunton are programmed to be completed by CRAG in the coming weeks. This will be about 3 days work. (since the meeting this work has been completed successfully) BOAT 54 Alveley remains a headache due to drainage issues that RK will continue to work on. RK reported the serious damage occurring on BOAT 23 in Farlow that runs along Silvington Common. Photos were shown of the damage and all agreed that a temporary closure was the only sensible option until works could be specified and carried out. RK/BS agreed to work on this together. RK to speak to the commoners who own the land concerned. 	RK/BS to progress
 These are the projects that work will be done first & once completed the following areas will be looked at: 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 	
UCR Management RK reports that about ½ of Cwms Lane from Willstone towards Church Stretton has had surfacing work carried out on it through the funding from the highways team. It is proposed that the remainder will be worked on either at the end of the year or next year. RK also reports	

Date of next meeting - 10 th March 2011 at 10.00- 12.00 Craven Arms Community Centre	
MD asked what the status of the route known as Salt Lane in Pitchford was. It runs from Pitchford to Golding. RK replied that it was unrecorded at present. RK to check if there is an active or inactive claim on this route as MD believed this to have public rights.	RK to check if a claim exists on this route.
 Obstructions Darnford Lane, Claverley – It was suggested that the creation of a dip at the entrance of the lane could deter sat nav users from using this route with unsuitable vehicles. It was reported that the scrap yard end of BOAT 5 in Richards Castle is again blocked by the scrap yard. RK to pas to enforcement. 	RK to report to Enforcement
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. BS confirmed that he would continue to offer practical help and volunteers for ongoing issues.	
Voluntary Restraints None at present and none suggested.	
RK reported that the highways management team are not able to give written assurance that all UCR's have vehicular rights, which brings up the question of dual recorded routes once again. The general feeling was that this was typical of the national situation and Shropshire was not unique in this respect.	
The survey of other UCR's that could be included in those managed by the Access Team is ongoing and will be reported towards the end of 2011.	
Work is also programmed for a UCR in Newcastle on Clun and another in Cheney Longville as part of the ongoing works.	
that a proposal to divert the Church Stretton end of this route appears to be inactive and he will try to see if works can improve the current line.	