

South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Area

Access, Countryside and Rights of Way

5th June, 2017

Quaker Meeting House, St James Street, Sheffield S1 2EW

Present

Allen Pestell (Chair), David Gadd (Secretary), Terry Howard, Basil Merry, Philip Ryder, Christine Whittaker, Les Seaman.

Apologies Jez Kenyon, Cath MacKay.

Minutes of the meeting of 6th February, 2017

BM said that the Rights of Way statement about paths near Povey Farm, Eckington, should read '.... paths are being returned to their definitive lines' rather than '.....paths had been returned to their definitive lines'. They have now been returned to their definitive lines.

Regarding the issue of cyclists using rights of way, General Council has made a statement saying that this was acceptable on RoW wider than 2 metres. We agreed to suggest to Area Council that a speaker from a local cycling organisation be invited to speak at the next SYNED AGM.

Access Matters

The Haddon Estate appears not to have issued official closure notices for grouse shooting this year since neither ourselves or the Dark Peak Runners have had any official notification.

Up-to-date information regarding the plastic matting on the moors, about which we sent an emergency motion to the Peak District National Park, should be available after next week's Local Access Forum meeting.

Countryside

No significant information regarding HS2 has been forthcoming.

A fatal crash, involving the elderly pilot of a small plane, occurred at the Somerby airstrip recently. There is a right of way on the airstrip. The resulting enquiry might lead to suggestions for change.

Rights of Way

Rights of way in the Eckington area are now the responsibility of Sheffield CC.

BM said that he would like to re-vamp the Mosbrough Countryside Walk, which has been neglected in recent years. He requested £300 for way marking and publicity materials.

There are two paths at the Sheffield-Derbyshire border where the definitive line reaches the river between two bridges. The possibility of SYNED, Derbyshire and the PNFS funding a footbridge was raised.

In Doncaster the Scarborough Estate has placed a barrier across Stump Cross Lane. The estate has been given notice to remove it.

Derbyshire CC has totally withdrawn ranger support for footpath maintenance, to which CNED provided 1,500 hours of support in 2016. DCC would like CNED to continue, but this is considered unrealistic bearing in mind the provision and transport of materials. The newly-elected Conservative council appear to be enthusiastic about proving ranger support again.

AOB

Diane Simcoe, the recently-appointed Area Support Officer for the north of England, has agreed to attend the next ACROW and AC meetings.