

North York Moors National Park Authority

17 December 2012

On the Record

1. **Election**

Authority Representative for the Local Access Forum and Campaign for National Parks

Due to the resignation of Steve Scoffin, the Authority requires a Member to represent the Authority on both the North York Moors Local Access Forum and Campaign for National Parks (with immediate effect) until the Annual General Meeting of the Authority in June 2013.

Recommendation

That Members, appoint a Member to the North York Moors Local Access Forum and Campaign for National Parks.

2. **Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) and English National Park Authorities Association (ENPAA)**

- a. A copy of the draft minutes of the ENPAA meeting held on the 10 October 2012 are at **Appendix 1**.

3. **Minutes from the North York Moors Local Access Forum**

The North York Moors Local Access Forum met on the 11 September 2012 and the approved minutes from this meeting appear at **Appendix 2**.

4. **Minutes of Committees and Working Groups.**

The following meetings have taken place since the last report:

- Primary Land Users Group – 2 October 2012
- Awareness, Business and Recreation Forum – 8 October 2012
- Conservation and Land Management Forum – 28 November 2012

Draft minutes of these meetings are available on request.

1. Public Rights of Way Information

a) Public Rights of Way Legal Events

1. Bridleway 3 Thirlby (Thirlby Bank) Definitive Map Modification Order 2012
2. Bridleway 230 Stape (Rawcliff Banks) Creation Agreement 2012
3. Bridleway 202 West Ayton (Wykeham Forest) Definitive Map Modification Order 2012
4. Bridleway 4 West Ayton (Kimlim Slack) Diversion Order 2012
5. Bridleway 11 Sneaton (Mortar Pit Farm) Diversion Order 2012
6. Footpath 9 Staintondale (Raven Hall) Diversion Order 2012
7. Footpath 504 Loftus Easington (Boulby) Diversion Order 2012
8. Footpath 203 Eskdaleside-cum-Ugglebarnby (Throstle Nest, Littlebeck) Definitive Map Modification Order 2012
9. Bridleway 207 Goathland (Moss Dike) Diversion Order 2012

Background

Letters to Legal Services on:

Date	File Reference
1. 20 September 2012	5050/4/27/MOD 3
2. 20 September 2012	5050/5/31/CR 230
3. 13 September 2012	5050/3/38/MOD 202
4. 13 September 2012	5050/3/38/DIV 4
5. 14 May 2012	5050/3/33/DIV 11
6. 26 April 2012	5050/3/34/DIV 9
7. 25 April 2012	5050/1/03/DIV 504
8. 24 April 2012	5050/3/12/MOD 203
9. 16 April 2012	5050/3/15/DIV 207

b) Public Path Orders taking effect after their date of confirmation

ID	Reference	Confirmed	Took effect on	Description
1266	4/00/DIV 62	22/07/2011	25/09/2012	Diversion of Bilsdale Midcable Footpath 62 at Stingamires
1276	5/18/DIV202	31/09/2011	05/11/2012	Diversion of Footpaths 202 Hutton le Hole and 18 Spaunton at Lingmoor Fm

c) Temporary Closure of Public Rights of Way

- (i) Public Footpath 36 Goathland (Thomasson Foss waterfall, Beck Hole). Extension to 6-month Order, dated 3 July 2012 – 3 January 2013. Reason for extension is that the necessary works to re-open the footpath have yet to be completed.

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ENGLISH NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION MEETING

Notes of meeting held on 10 October 2012 between 9.30-12.30pm at Tors Hotel, Lynmouth
Items are listed in order of discussion

	<p>Present</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>Directors</u> Stephen Johnson Bill Hitchins John Dyke (Chairman) Bill Jefferson Julian Johnson Jim Bailey John Riddle Tony Favell Margaret Paren Carl Lis <u>Contributors</u> Paul Hamblin Amanda Brace Meriel Martin (minutes) </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>NPOs/ Chief Executives</u> Kevin Bishop Nigel Stone Richard Leafe Tony Gates Jim Dixon (JDi) Trevor Beattie David Butterworth <u>Organisation</u> ENPAA ENPAA ENPAA </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>NPAs</u> Broads Authority Dartmoor NPA Exmoor NPA Lake District NPA New Forest NPA North York Moors NPA Northumberland NPA Peak District NPA South Downs NPA Yorkshire Dales NPA </td> </tr> </table>	<u>Directors</u> Stephen Johnson Bill Hitchins John Dyke (Chairman) Bill Jefferson Julian Johnson Jim Bailey John Riddle Tony Favell Margaret Paren Carl Lis <u>Contributors</u> Paul Hamblin Amanda Brace Meriel Martin (minutes)	<u>NPOs/ Chief Executives</u> Kevin Bishop Nigel Stone Richard Leafe Tony Gates Jim Dixon (JDi) Trevor Beattie David Butterworth <u>Organisation</u> ENPAA ENPAA ENPAA	<u>NPAs</u> Broads Authority Dartmoor NPA Exmoor NPA Lake District NPA New Forest NPA North York Moors NPA Northumberland NPA Peak District NPA South Downs NPA Yorkshire Dales NPA	
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Item		Agreed Actions			
1.	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. Congratulations were recorded to the team at Exmoor NPA who had made the arrangements for the meeting and tour and Carol Carder in particular was thanked for her work in organising the logistics.</p>				
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from John Packman (Broads Authority), Alison Barnes (New Forest NPA) and Andy Wilson (North York Moors NPA).</p>				
3.	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>				
4.	<p>Approve minutes from meeting held on 5 July 2012</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p>				
5.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>SJ asked for an update on when the £5,000 for Love Your National Parks would be expected. It was agreed to pick this up under Item 8.</p>				
6.	<p>Ministerial Reshuffle Reflections</p> <p>PH explained that this was an opportunity to share thoughts on the recent reshuffle and its implications. The reshuffle was used as an opportunity for the PM to reinforce the Government's clear priority towards stimulating economic growth and this was communicated to all Secretaries of State and Defra officials. Defra Secretary of State Owen Paterson MP spoke at the Conservative Party Conference on 9th October and talked about the need to boost growth in the economy while continuing to improve the environment. During discussion the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owen Paterson MP had attended an event in Cumbria focused on rural broadband and 4G coverage and had met with BJ and RL to give some RDPE funding for flood 				

	<p>repairs to footpaths. It had been the Secretary of State's first week in post and he wanted to understand more about National Parks and AONBs and how they differed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary of State sees Government's role as creating the right conditions for business. We know NPAs have a good story to tell on this (e.g. apprenticeships) • BJ and CL had attended a LGA event where the Secretary of State had spoken passionately about the Shropshire landscape • Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg MP had spent an afternoon with the Peak District NPA looking at work in his constituency on large scale habitat improvement. This had given an opportunity to discuss the real work NPAs engage in on the ground and moving away from a narrow focus on governance • New Defra Minister David Heath MP has responsibilities including agriculture and forestry. He is a Somerset MP and a former leader of Somerset County Council • PH noted that broadband and 4G rollout was a clear priority for Government. Defra had organised an upcoming meeting involving other Government Departments, Broadband UK, NAAONB and ENPAA representatives • It was agreed that we should seek to get Ministers out into the National Parks where possible, including by linking in to regional visits 	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Preparation for meeting with Minister</p> <p>The Chairman explained that Defra Minister Richard Benyon MP had been invited to attend the January ENPAA meeting. Preparation was needed to get the most out of the time that we would have with the Minister. We would look to give some specific examples of work that NPAs are undertaking that further Government priorities. This would include demonstrating how NPAs are delivering on the Defra priorities set out in the letter from Tanya Arkle. It was suggested that a few key subjects should be presented to the Minister by nominated Directors. Suggestions arising included growth; tourism; broadband and Defra's key aims. Linking growth and the green agenda would be important. Suggestions were taken from around the table on what could be presented to the Minister:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak District: TF noted the added value that National Parks bring to the urban areas nearby. Government will still want to hear about businesses being set up in the Parks but the Peak District has a big economic benefit at a regional scale as well • Northumberland: JR stated that Northumberland NPA has been strong on broadband, working in partnership with the county council. TG noted there was also a positive story on apprenticeships. It would be helpful to weave in to the messages that we are landscape designations and can show how we are making Government policies work in deep rural areas and sensitive environments • Exmoor: NS noted that the aggregate of what NPAs deliver is significant, e.g. the collective value in terms of money and jobs associated with tourism. 4G and broadband delivery could either be done well or badly and it will be important for Defra to understand that NPAs will work with companies constructively to find good solutions. • North York Moors: JB stated that the NPA has a strong record on skills and apprenticeships with 4 schemes running and apprentices making up over 10% of the workforce. If scaled up nationally it is likely this could wipe out youth unemployment. • Broads: SJ explained the recent Biodiversity Audit undertaken by the Broads Authority which had shown 25% of the most endangered species are still in the Broads. We can show we are looking after what we have. STEAM figures show tourism going up and the Broads Authority has taken on Breydon Water to improve safety of access and make the Broads system more attractive to visitors • South Downs: MP noted the need to demonstrate added value. The NPA is working with surrounding urban areas e.g. work with Eastbourne and Winchester to diversify tourism. NPAs help people to learn and to understand the countryside. National Parks are not fossils and can show growth including for urban areas that are dependent on the Park • Dartmoor: BH noted the value of the links through Mosaic to young people in Plymouth, in what is a low wage area of the country. The National Park has health and therapeutic benefits, e.g. for returning service people. The NPA has been promoting broadband with the county council. Carbon and water storage is significant and the water industry is critical to the south west. KB noted that the intrinsic value of a National Park would diminish without NPAs due to their facilitation role with rural 	

	<p>communities and farmers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkshire Dales: CL raised the importance of NPA's input to tourism in terms of maintaining landscapes that attract visitors. CL raised the health agenda as an area of opportunity. SJ noted that Health minister Norman Lamb MP had visited the Broads and been receptive to hearing about the value of volunteering for health. • New Forest: JJ noted that social benefits to the nation from National Parks include health, education and recreation • Lake District: RL suggested linking transport and health and the possibility of a joint bid to fund transport initiatives that relate to health, particularly cycling. The NPA has a strong story on partnership working (including LEP) and community engagement • JDi suggested a need to show what differentiates NPAs from other organisations <p>It was recognised that the suggestions would need to be prioritised to arrive at a select number of topics to present. It was agreed that the ENPAA Director and Lead NPO working with the Chairman and Deputy Chairs would select topics and identify Directors to lead on these. Briefings would be prepared. Liaison with Defra officials would take place before the meeting to ensure our expectations for the session tally.</p>	PH/DB
8.	<p>NPA Finances Update</p> <p>Invoices for £5,000 for the Love Your National Parks work would not be issued until this had been worked up further. The initiative was about getting people out into National Parks and working towards the Parks' second purpose, and boosting the rural tourism economy. The Chairman had written to Defra Minister Richard Benyon MP seeking his support for the work and was awaiting his reply. It would be important to ensure alignment with UK ANPA's work programme. There was potential for partners to come on board with opportunities including a partnership statement currently being worked up with Visit England.</p>	
9.	<p>LGA Proposal for Corporate Membership and Hosting</p> <p>DB gave a reminder of progress to date. The proposal was for a joint subscription that would cover all ten Authorities. The proposal included hosted office space at Local Government House that would address the current difficulties with the current ENPAA office tenure, standard of accommodation and location. An update was given in the paper on the results of further discussion with LGA. The proposal was for a joint corporate subscription totalling £16.5k (incumbent on all signing up) and hosting arrangements for ENPAA at a cost of £15k. DB drew attention to paragraph 2.3 and explained that clarity was being sought so that those Authorities who are not members would not be expected to pay for the full 2012/13 year. DB explained that the whole arrangement would fall if not all NPAs sign up. The Chairman commended the proposal stating that the current office was not sufficient and moving to Local Government House would aid communications with Defra. The Chairman proposed that the LGA proposal be agreed and BJ seconded the proposal.</p> <p>JR explained that Northumberland NPA had served notice on both LGA and ENPAA. JR supported the proposal in principle but the NPA had not yet made a formal decision on its future membership of ENPAA and LGA. The next Authority meeting would take place on 12th December and a decision would be taken then. SJ supported the proposal in principle. The Broads Authority had served notice to the LGA but this could be addressed. KB sought clarification that each NPA would still be treated as an individual member of LGA and DB stated that this was the case.</p> <p>PH stated that the space in Local Government House had been vacated so timing of the move would be in our hands. It was clarified that this would be a three-year agreement. The position of Northumberland NPA was acknowledged and it was recognised that until the Authority had met to discuss this, sign up could not take place. The possibility was raised that in the worst case scenario a deal could be discussed for nine NPAs rather than ten. It was agreed to approve the proposal for action in December, subject to the decisions taken by Northumberland NPA. KB volunteered Dartmoor NPA to act as a conduit for invoicing to enable VAT costs to be saved and the Chairman thanked Dartmoor for this.</p>	PH/DB PH/KB

10.	<p>ENPAA Business Plan – Review of Progress</p> <p>PH reported that as set out in the paper the Business Plan was currently on track although some slippage was anticipated on Aim 3 for the future. MP noted that if a ‘smiley’ system is used to report progress this should reflect areas where there is slippage. PH clarified that the current report shows progress on track for all aims currently, but this is likely to change in future reports. It was agreed that information of where ENPAA stands in budget terms (eg. every six months) should be incorporated into this report for the future.</p>	PH
11.	<p>ENPAA Re-branding</p> <p>PH introduced the paper and explained that re-branding to National Parks England was an aspect of the Business Plan and was intended to help get the organisation in a better position to convey messages to decision makers. The re-branding will be a largely internal exercise and in time communications via new media will be added in to a communications strategy for the organisation. The Chairman noted that re-branding would also avoid confusion between the acronyms ‘ENPAA’ and ‘ENPA’ (Exmoor NPA).JDi stated that setting up social media was straightforward and could be done early on and it was agreed to discuss this further outside of the meeting.</p> <p>The idea of using a schools competition to source a new logo was discussed. It was considered that this was likely to delay the process and that the person designing the logo would need a clear understanding of what ENPAA does. It was agreed that PH would be responsible for sourcing a new logo, making use of design expertise in NPAs as appropriate, and choosing the least cost option that delivers what is needed.</p>	<p>JDi/MM</p> <p>PH</p>
12.	<p>Notes of E-NPOG Meeting 06.09.12</p> <p>These were noted without discussion.</p>	
13.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>SJ sought an update on governance issues. On direct elections JDi explained that Defra has been considering the cost implications and Parliamentary time needed and this would not be delivered by next May. There had been no further news. PH noted that a series of actions had been undertaken by NPAs aimed at increasing accountability and a summary had been provided to Defra. It was noted that Defra was implementing the 8 year rule for Secretary of State appointees. Individual NPAs were still having discussions with Defra over how to achieve reductions in the number of members against the backdrop of member vacancies currently coming up. It was recognised that there was an inevitable hiatus while new Defra officials tool up the reins, and agreed that the ENPAA Director and Lead NPO should discuss governance with officials at an appropriate time to seek clarification on outstanding issues.</p>	PH/DB
14.	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>The meeting dates were noted as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 16 Jan – UK ANPA Executive Videoconference (TBC) b) 24 Jan – ENPAA Board meeting (London) c) 21 March – ENPAA Board meeting (London) d) 3 July – UK ANPA Executive meeting and AGM (Lake District) e) 4 July – ENPAA Board meeting and AGM (Lake District) f) 2 Oct – ENPAA Board meeting (London) 	



North York Moors

Local Access Forum

North York Moors National Park Authority, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate,
Helmsley, York, YO62 5BP

Public Minutes of the meeting held at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley on Tuesday 11 September 2012.

Present: J Batt, S Borman, B Briggs, Mrs C Cook, Mrs C Cussons, P Hay, Mrs J King, Lady E Kirk, Mrs M Mitchell, Ms A Peacock, S Scoffin

Apologies: G Dawson, G Winn Darley

Officers in Attendance: Richard Gunton (Director of Park Services), Fiona Farnell (Committees Officer)

Copies of All Documents Considered are in the Minute Book

26/12 Election of Chairman

The Deputy Chair Mrs C Cook, took the Chair of this meeting only.

27/12 Minutes

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

28/12 Matters Arising

- **Review of the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshire**

Resolved:

That Members noted the response sent.

29/12 Paths for Communities - Dalby Beck

A powerpoint presentation was given by Petra Young from the Forestry Commission.

Members made comments or asked questions as follows:

- Will the path be for multi users?
- Have the Cleveland Ramblers and Whitby branch of the British Horse Society been consulted?
- Will a new fence be required to keep livestock out?
- What is the proposed surface of path?

The Officer answered Members questions as follows:

- At present the track does not incorporate horse users as there are other tracks within Dalby specifically for these users.
- The Cleveland Ramblers and the British Horse Society have not as yet been consulted.

The Officer noted that CTC would be making the application to 'Paths for Communities', with possible match funding from Yorventure. The Forestry Commission would carry out the new fencing, signage and on-going maintenance. The Officer is currently working with Whitby and District Disablement Action Group and visually impaired groups within Ryedale with regards to landscaping.

The Director noted that the Authority was very supportive of the principle but had concerns regarding designating it as a public right of way as this would have long term maintenance implications for the Authority. However if the Forestry Commission were happy to accept responsibility for maintenance then this could be a possibility.

Resolved:

That Members supported the proposal.

30/12 **Future of Meetings**

Considered:

The report of the Director of Park Services

Members noted that it would be hard to have continuity with only two official meetings a year, but noted that the forum could hold informal meetings, working groups and use email to communicate with each other between official meetings.

In answer to questions from Members the Director informed the forum that a separate panel had been formed to deal with rights of way issues the 'Access and Rights of Way Panel'.

The forum decided to hold an informal meeting after the official meeting to discuss how information would be passed between Members of the Forum.

Resolved:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Forum Members commented regarding the matters set out in the report.

31/12 **Report Back from the National Park Authority**

Mr Scoffin updated Members as follows:

- A bid has been submitted to English Heritage to assist with works to Ancient Monuments.
- A bid has been submitted to LEADER to promote 'Local Distinctiveness'.
- The Authority's Management Plan will be launched on the 30 November.
- The first iPhone App for the Authority is based on the 'Lime and Ice' project.
- The Coast Alive project is coming to an end with a celebration event to be held in Whitby on the 19 September.
- The Mosaic Project has also come to an end after 10 years. The Authority has appointed a Community Link Officer Marion Faraharny.

- The Authority is holding a 'Pre-application Planning' meeting for York Potash to present its proposals at The Raven Hall Hotel on the 28 September 2012.

32/12 Items for Future Meetings

- LAF Protocol
- Bracken Management

33/12 Other Business

Members requested a meeting of the forum without Officer presence to discuss the future of the forum. Members agreed to hold the meeting directly after the close of the forum meeting.

The Director informed Members that the Authority had made their views known to Defra with regards to the withdrawal of 'Asulox' for bracken control.

.....(Chairman)
4 December 2012