

Minutes of the meeting held at Yoredale, Bainbridge on Thursday, 25 October 2007.

Present:

WH Brown, SHK Butcher, G Dalton, TRN Harrison-Topham, Mrs S Marshall, and Dr KM Petyt.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

37/07 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The report of the Secretariat Officer was noted.

38/07 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Having been nominated unopposed, it was –

RESOLVED –

That KJ Lancaster be elected Chairman of the Committee, to hold office until the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Authority in 2008.

39/07 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Having been nominated unopposed, it was –

RESOLVED –

That WH Brown be elected Deputy Chairman of the Committee, to hold office until the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Authority in 2008.

WH BROWN IN THE CHAIR

40/07 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2007, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41/07 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No notifications of public questions or of the intention to make a statement had been received.

42/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were presented from KJ Lancaster and Mrs D Millward.

43/07 DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

No declarations of lobbying were made at the meeting.

44/07 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PARK MANAGEMENT

CONSIDERED – the report of the Head of Park Management.

[Note: Mrs S Marshall, as a member of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in that part of the report that referred to meetings with NYCC regarding the public rights of way delegation agreement.]

In responding to members' questions, the Head of Park Management stated that the meetings were ongoing with Cumbria County Council with regard to public rights of way delegation. He stated the legal issues in respect of the agreement were almost resolved, but discussion continued in respect of funding and added that similar discussions were progressing with NYCC. A member suggested that if the Authority would be undertaking future legal work as part of the delegation arrangements there should be a reduction in NYCC's legal costs.

Concern was expressed that maintenance of the rights of way network should not be reliant on further funding being forthcoming from the County Councils.

RESOLVED –

That:

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) subject to funding being available, the Authority adopts the North Yorkshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan as the catalyst for improvements to rights of way within the North Yorkshire part of the National Park.

45/07 DEFINITIVE MAP TEAM - QUARTERLY REPORT

CONSIDERED – the report of the Senior Definitive Map Officer.

In noting the report, members' attention was drawn to the reduction in projected 'Casework Targets' identified on page two of the report. Members were advised that this had been revised partly as a

result of the imminent departure from the Authority of Bev Parker. Whilst the post was to be filled there would inevitably be a time delay, with a resulting impact on the work programme.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted and, on behalf of the Committee, the Head of Park Management write to Ms Parker to convey members' appreciation for her long and valued service with the Authority and best wishes for the future.

46/07 NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES' TRAFFIC ORDERS REGULATIONS 2007

CONSIDERED – the report of the Access and Recreation Manager.

RESOLVED –

That:

- (a) the Green Lanes framework be amended to take account of changes as outlined in the report of the Access and Recreation Manager, and
- (b) the Authority be recommended that the Scheme of Delegation be amended to authorise the Head of Park Management to make temporary Traffic Regulation Orders pursuant to powers given to the Authority by Section 72 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.