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COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM FOR WEST SUSSEX

A meeting of the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex (CAFWS) will be held at **10.15am (*note new start time*) on Wednesday 8th April 2009**, at **Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing, BN15 8AJ**

There will also be a workshop hosted by CAFWS to discuss **Encouraging Town and Parish Councils to play a greater role in countryside access**. The workshop will begin at 2pm, also at Lancing Parish Hall.

A g e n d a

1. **Apologies**

2. **Declaration of Interests**

Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.

3. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

4. **Minutes** of the Forum meeting 29th January 2009 (copy [attached](#) page 5)

5. **Actions and matters arising not covered by agenda**

6. **Urgent matters**

To consider any items not on the agenda which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency due to special circumstances. If any member wishes to raise a matter under this heading they are asked to consult the Chairman or the Secretary before the meeting begins.

7. **West Sussex Rights of Way Annual Report**

- i) To receive a presentation from Jon Perks, Principal Rights of Way Officer, WSCC on the West Sussex Rights of Way Annual Report
- ii) To receive a verbal report from Christine Luff, Rights of Way Team Leader, WSCC to update on the work of the Rights of Way Committee

8. Working Groups

To receive an update on the Reviewing Promotion of Walking in West Sussex Working Group

9. Sub Forums

- i) To consider and agree terms of reference for the Sub Forums ([attached](#), page 15)
- ii) To receive a verbal update and unconfirmed meeting notes, where available, on the following Sub Forums:
 - a) Low Weald Sub Forum – 10th March 2009 meeting (PB) (unconfirmed minutes [attached](#), page 17)
 - b) South Downs Access Forum – to receive verbal update on the meeting (AGM) of 27th March 2009

10. South East Local Access Forum

- i) To receive a verbal update of the meeting of SE LAF representatives held on 3rd March 2009 (GJ)
- ii) To note brief meeting notes (attached in General Report, to follow) on the SE LAF Conference held on 3rd March 2009 (PB)

11. Current/future strategic developments

To note CAFWS' responses to the following consultations:

- a) A23 Handcross to Warninglid Widening Scheme – Highways Agency
- b) Land South of Horsham, Broadbridge Heath; Planning applications DC/08/2446 and DC/08/2447 – Horsham District Council

All responses to consultations can be viewed at www.westsussex.gov.uk/cafws and have previously been circulated to members.

12. Current/future consultations

- i) To note CAFWS' response to the Review of Trails and Routes consultations – Natural England ([attached](#), page 21)
- ii) To consider a response to the consultation on Local Transport Plan 3 Guidance – Department of Transport (closing date 9th April 2009)
- iii) Open Access consultation for land at Sullington

All responses to consultations can be viewed at www.westsussex.gov.uk/cafws and have previously been circulated to members.

13. General Report

To note a written report on items of interest to members of the Forum (to follow). **If members have questions in connection with the General Report, please could these be raised with Jane Noble, Forum Officer, prior to the meeting.**

14. Agenda items for the next meeting of the Forum

To consider agenda items for the next meeting.

15. **Matters for information**

Members may bring to the attention of the Forum any matters that they feel other members should be made aware of.

16. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 10.15am on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at Church Farm, Coombes, Lancing. Subsequent meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 28th October 2009
- Wednesday 27th January 2010