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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 on Wednesday 15th July 2009**, at **Church Farm, Coombes, Lancing, BN15 0RS**.

A g e n d a

1. **Apologies and welcome to new members**

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. **Minutes** of the Forum meeting 8th April 2009 (copy [attached](#) page 4)

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

- Feedback from the Parish Council workshop held in April 2009 and the draft Parish newsletter ([attached](#) page 10)

5. **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.

6. **Recent guidance on Local Access Forums from the Secretary of State**

Members are asked to note a recent letter (copy [attached](#) page 12) from Defra outlining the changes made to the Secretary of State's guidance to Local Access Forums in England. A letter from Hew Irranca-Davies MP that recognises the importance of the work of the local access forums has also been received (previously circulated to members).

7. **WSCC Rights of Way Committee**

- To receive a verbal update from the Rights of Way Team Leader (Legal Services) on the 14th July 2009 meeting of West Sussex County Council's Rights of Way Committee.

- ii) To receive a verbal update from the Rights of Way Team Leader (Legal Services) on the outcome of the Pitshill footpath public inquiry.
8. **South Downs National Park progress report**

To receive a verbal update on the designation of the South Downs National Park and the implications for CAFWS
9. **Rights of Way and Countryside Access General Report for the South Downs**

To receive a presentation from the South Downs Joint Committee's (SDJC) Central Area Manager
10. **CAFWS Two Year Progress Report**

To receive a report outlining the work of CAFWS during the preceding two years ([attached](#) page 15)
11. **Sub Forums**

Members are asked to:

 - i) Approve the amended Sub Forum Terms of Reference for the Coastal Plain, Low Weald and Coastal Plain Sub Forums ([attached](#) page 18)
 - ii) Note the unconfirmed minutes from the following Sub Forums:
 - Low Weald Sub Forum from 1st July 2009 (attached for members only)
 - Coastal Plain Access Sub Forum from 28th May 2009 (attached for members only)
12. **Current/future strategic developments**
 - i) To receive a verbal update on the A23 Handcross to Warninglid Widening Scheme following the public inquiry on 16th June 2009.
 - ii) To note CAFWS's response to the consultation regarding Chichester College Brinsbury Campus Application ref DC/08/2598 ([attached](#) page 27)
13. **Current/future consultations**
 - i) To consider a response to the consultation regarding reassessment of the restriction on the Open Access land at Sidehill (south-east of Findon) ([report](#) and [map](#) attached page 29)
 - ii) To consider a response to the Department of Transport's Road Safety Consultation – consultation document is available at: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/roadsafetyconsultation/> and copies will be available to view at the meeting (*a proposed response to follow*)
 - iii) To consider a response to Mid Sussex District Council's assessment of Planning Policy Guidance PPG17: *Open Space, Sport and Recreation* – consultation document is available at http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/Nimoi/sites/msdcpublic/resources/MidSussex_MainReport070906.pdf and copies of the relevant sections will be available to view at the meeting.

- iv) Local Transport Plan 3 Guidance – Department of Transport ([attached](#) page 31)
- v) Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document – West Sussex County Council ([attached](#) page 35)

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

14. **General Report**

To note a written report on items of interest to members of the Forum ([attached](#) page 37). **If members have questions in connection with the General Report, please could these be raised with Jane Noble, Forum Officer, prior to the meeting.**

15. **Agenda items for the next meeting of the Forum**

To consider agenda items for the next meeting:

- presentation on Access in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

16. **Matters for information**

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

17. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 10.15am on Wednesday 28th October 2009 at County Hall North, Horsham. The subsequent meeting will be on Wednesday 27th January 2010 at County Hall, Chichester.