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A meeting of the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex (CAFWS) will be held at **10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 18th July 2007** at **The Bothy, Knepp Castle, nr Horsham.**

Agenda

1. **Apologies and Introduction of New Member**

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 held on 18th April 2007. (copy attached)

4. **Actions and Matters Arising not Covered by Agenda**

- Minute 13 – Application forms have been sent to interested parties regarding the member vacancy for cycling interests
- Minute 36 – South Downs Way bridge update

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. **Estate Management**

To receive an overview on the Forestry Commission public access policy

- a) Graham Nottage, Forestry Commission

To receive presentations on estate management and access followed by a Q&A session from

- b) Jason Emrich, Knepp Castle
c) Glynn Jones on the Slindon Estate

7. **CAFWS Annual Report**

To receive a copy of the 2006/2007 Annual Report

8. **West Sussex Rural Strategy – Stakeholder Consultation Exercise**

To receive a verbal report on progress.

9. **Strategic developments**

To note letter sent to district and borough councils. (copy attached)

10. **Working Groups**

To receive feedback from the Working Groups

- a) Disability Access (report attached for members only)
b) East Grinstead Development (copy letter attached for members only)

11. **South Downs Access Forum**

To note minutes of meeting held on 12th April 2007 (copy attached) and receive a verbal update on the meeting held 29th June 2007.

12. **Consultations**

- a) Access to the Coast –19th June to 11th September. Executive Summary attached, www.defra.gov.uk or 0117 372 8427 for copies of the Consultation
- b) Proposed South Downs National Park – consultation 2nd July to 13th August. Defra letter and Forum briefing note attached
- c) Cocking, Graffham and Heyshott (Restricted Byway 952) – WSCC letter attached, response by 14th August
- d) Landowner/occupier right to apply for orders to divert/extinguish a public right of way – Briefing Note attached, response by 31st August
- e) Forestry Commission High Weald Forest Design Plan – August/September
- f) Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy Defra update - copy attached
- g) Power for National Park Authorities to make Traffic Regulations Orders – Forum and WSCC response attached

13. **Promoting Access - Walks Festivals 2008**

To comment on draft questionnaires for participants of the Walking West Sussex Festival (October 2007) and Exploring West Sussex Walks and Rides Programmes to assess results of 2007 and previous years focus and effectiveness (draft questionnaires attached).

14. **General Report**

To note a written report on items of interest to members of the Forum including sub fora meetings. (copy attached) **If members have questions in connection with the General Report, please could these be raised with officers prior to the meeting.**

15. **Agenda for the next Meeting of the Forum**

To consider Agenda items for the next meeting.

16. **Matters for Information.**

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

17. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held on Wednesday 17th October 2007 at 10.30am.

18. **Tour of Estate**

Tour by trailer ride available for members through the Knepp Castle Estate after the meeting.