

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn on Thursday, 3rd November 2005.

Present:

G Dalton, W Fenten, TRN Harrison-Topham, KJ Lancaster, SR Macaré, JJ Pearlman and Dr KM Petyt.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

31. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The report of the Secretariat Officer was noted.

32. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

KJ Lancaster and W Fenten were both nominated for the position of Chairman of the Committee. Both members took the opportunity to address the meeting.

A paper ballot was taken and the Head of Park Management announced the result of the vote as follows:

KJ Lancaster	-	3 votes
W Fenten	-	4 votes

RESOLVED -

That W Fenten be elected Chairman of the Committee to hold office until the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Authority in 2006.

W FENTEN IN THE CHAIR

33. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

KJ Lancaster and Dr KM Petyt were both nominated for the position of Deputy Chairman of the Committee. Dr Petyt took the opportunity to address the meeting.

A paper ballot was taken and the Chairman announced the result of the vote as follows:

KJ Lancaster	-	3 votes
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Dr KM Petyt - 4 votes

RESOLVED –

That Dr KM Petyt 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 2006.



The Chairman reminded the meeting that he was currently one of the three Authority representatives on the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum. He stated that he did not wish there to be any confusion between his role as Chairman of the Access Committee and as a member of the Forum and, therefore, it was his intention to resign from membership of the Forum.

34. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2005, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

35. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from D Heather.

37. DECLARATIONS OF THE EXISTENCE AND NATURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

TRN Harrison-Topham declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in Item 10, being related to the Chairman of Coverham-with-Agglethorpe Parish Council.

38. DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

None.

39. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PARK MANAGEMENT

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Head of Park Management.

He stated that this 'new' report was based on the format of the Chief Executive's report to the full Authority and was intended to keep members of the Committee updated with current issues that would not normally warrant the preparation of separate reports.

Members received the following responses to a number of comments raised on items in the report:

- subject to the agreement of DEFRA, copies of minutes of the DEFRA Access Management Group and copies of the consultation responses would be circulated to members of the Committee for information. It was pointed out that the Group was convened for and on behalf of DEFRA and officers attended in the capacity of representatives of ANPA.
- the attention of the Sustainable Travel Partnership would be drawn to the Wensleydale Railway Company and the issues around co-ordination of timetables;
- a report would be coming to the next meeting of the Committee on the issue of delegation agreements with County Councils in respect of public rights of way responsibilities.

RESOLVED –

That the report and further comments be noted.

40. DEFINITIVE MAP TEAM – QUARTERLY REPORT

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Senior Definitive Map Officer.

In response to a number of comments raised on items in the report, members were advised that:

- the Inspector's report on the Hudswell footpath inquiry and further details on the Malham Moor 10 modification order case could be circulated;
- the evidence in the Stainforth Force Wood case, which was being dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation, was available; and
- a report on the Monk Road case(s) had been presented to the previous meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED –

That the report and further comments be noted.

41. CROW ACT APPLICATIONS FOR RESTRICTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS: QUARTERLY REPORT

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Ranger Services Manager.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

42. GREEN LANES ISSUES

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Head of Park Management.

In considering the appointment of members to sit on a Traffic Regulation Order Working Group, it was accepted that more than the recommended number of three members would not cause problems.

RESOLVED –

That:

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) the Chairman of the Access Committee represent the Authority on the North Yorkshire County Council Green Lanes Liaison Group; and
- (c) Messrs Dalton, Harrison-Topham, Lancaster and Pearlman be appointed to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order Working Group and the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum be invited to nominate a member to the Group.

43. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Ranger Services Manager.

RESOLVED –

That a response be sent to the Defra consultation, through ANPA, stating that the Authority wishes to be included as a 'secondary' authority for the purposes of Dog Control Orders.

44. AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL ACCESS FORUMS (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2002

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Access and Recreation Manager.

RESOLVED –

That the response to the consultation paper on amendments to the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002, as outlined in the Annex to the report of the Access and Recreation Manager, be approved.

45. YORKSHIRE DALES ACCESS FORUM

CONSIDERED –

The minutes of the meeting of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum (YDAF) held on 28th June 2005.

In response to members' requests and comments, it was confirmed that the dates of future meetings of the Forum and the agenda front sheet for those meetings would be circulated to members of the Committee for information.

Comment was made at the need to improve links between the Forum and the Committee and it was suggested that the Chairman of the Forum might be invited to attend meetings of the Committee with a 'right of audience'. A member, however, pointed out that whilst such flexibility might have been possible with a working group, the Access Committee was a formal Committee of the Authority and such flexibility would be inappropriate. The Head of Park Management agreed with that latter comment, but accepted that there was some need for closer working between the Committee and the Forum. It was noted that the Committee could receive reports from the Forum.

A member referred to the 10.45 am starting time of the meeting and suggested that, particularly if training was to follow a meeting, some thought might be given to reviewing meeting arrangements.

RESOLVED –

That:

- (a) the minutes of the meeting of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum held on 28th June 2005 be noted; and
- (b) officers give further consideration to:
 - (i) the working relationship between the Committee and the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum; and
 - (ii) arrangements for meetings and the possibility of Access Committee member training being held on the same day as a Committee meeting.