

Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Covington Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.00pm

The parish has been invited to comment, as part of the consultation process, on the proposal detailed below.

Proposal to make various changes to Public Rights of Way network surrounding Covington

Cambridgeshire County Council is investigating a proposal to make various changes to the Public Rights of Way network in the parish of Covington (PE28 ORT). The package of changes is proposed under either Section 118 and 26 or Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The scheme would result in two new links meeting Public Bridleway NA414 Hargrave in the county of Northamptonshire.

Attendance

Simon Luscombe (Chairman) Richard & Mo Brown, Glyn & Dianne Clark, Gill & Stephen Holmes, Linda Lockhart, Robert Maclaren, Simon & Deirdre Peck, Sarah Schofield, Sue Sewell, Simon Williams, Oliver Williams, Shirley Mathews (Clerk)

Also in Attendance Mr Roger Payne and Mr James Stringer – of the Definitive Map Office at Cambridgeshire County Council

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Jonathan Baker, Karen and Lee Barley, David Lockhart, Michael Mathews, Sylvia and Graham Platt, John Schofield, Peter Sewell, Polly Sewell, John and Marylyn Turrell, Nina DeFranco ,
- 2. The Chairman thanked Simon and Julia Williams** for hosting a walk on Sunday 8th September to view the proposals. This was attended by many villagers, most of whom were at this meeting
- 3. The Chairman Introduce Mr James Stringer** - The Asset Information Definitive Map Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council who gave a full explanation of the history of legalising Bridleways and Footpaths from 1949. They should be reviewed every five years. We are one of a number of organisations being consulted. The consultation of the proposal will last 4 weeks, if it receives support it will pass to the Director of Highways for approval. If it receives objections it will return to the proposers, if a plan cannot be resolved it will go to the Secretary of State (DEFRA) and result in a Public Enquiry
Opposition had been received from Hargrave Parish, The neighbouring landowner, and the Hargrave District Councillor
- 4. The Chairman invited Simon and Oliver Williams to make any initial comments.**

It was noted that the entire proposal was in Cambridgeshire, also there seemed to be opposition from Hargrave to one crossing into Northamptonshire but not the second.

5. Questions and Comments

1. There were many comments of interest and support.
2. The landowner is responsible for upkeep and maintenance but legal costs will be Cambridgeshire County Council's
3. The unofficial Gap M is currently used by riders from Hargrave and Covington alike.
4. Hargrave residents might benefit from a site visit. They would be welcome; they should make direct contact with Simon or Oliver Williams

6. Agree further action

1. It was proposed by Simon Peck, seconded by Sarah Schofield and unanimously agreed that the proposal in its entirety was positively supported.
2. Attendees were encouraged to submit personal emails of comment, concern or support to:

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