PRESENT: Richard Alderson (Chairman), Cllr Rowson, Cllr Ali, Cllr Armiger, Steve Ball, Hazel Armstrong, Jean Ingall, David Dransfield, Pam Cook, Peter Mckenzie-Brown, Ralph Day, Dennis Oliver.

Colin Wilkinson and Daniel Marsh were also attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from, Frances Ross (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ogg, and Nick Harland.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS – No declarations were received from members.

MINUTES - Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2018, having been circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

MATTERS ARISING – Richard Alderson commented that positive feedback had been received after the opening of the Iron Stone Walk. Discussions took place around the feasibility of making the entire route wheelchair friendly subject to available resources. Colin Wilkinson agreed to investigate this further.

Resolved – That the feasibility of making the Iron Stone Walk wheelchair friendly be investigated.

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM SUB GROUP –

I. Discovering Lost Ways – Update from the sub group
Dennis Oliver informed the forum that there were 26 awards in North Lincolnshire and that checks were being made against maps to make sure that everything had been covered and that no footpaths/bridleways had been missed.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

II. Iron Stone Trail – Update from the sub group
Suggestions were put forward to the forum that as the Open Cast Way was almost complete and followed nearly the same route as the proposed trail the Iron Stone Trail was no longer necessary. Colin Wilkinson commented that the Open Cast Way was already way marked and published on long distance walking sites and that the trail would take a great deal of work to complete. After further discussions members agreed to stop work on the trail as it was felt that there was no mileage in having two trails follow the same route. DM suggested that the creator of the Open Cast Way be invited to future meetings.

Resolved – (a) That the creating of the Iron Stone Walk be stopped in favour of the existing Open Cast Way and (b) That the creator of the Open Cast Way be invited to future meetings.
DEFINITIVE MAP – Colin Wilkinson gave an update to the forum and advised that slow progress had been made and that modification orders had been taking longer than he liked over the summer period. Colin added that due to increased workloads within his team there were no modification orders with the Secretary of State. Colin informed the meeting that there were approximately 50 Modification Orders outstanding. Hazel Armstrong congratulated Colin and his team and commented that North Lincolnshire Council adds more to the Definitive map than most local authorities.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

BRIDLEWAYS UPDATE –

Hirst Priory to Derrythorpe – Colin Wilkinson updated the forum on the progress made and advised that two objections had been received which meant that this would have to be referred to North Lincolnshire Council’s Planning Committee and it would be a while before the outcome would be known. Colin added he had met with one of the objectors who had employed a solicitor who after investigating, had informed the objector that there was no case.

Resolved - That the update be noted.

ANCHOLME CYCLEWAY UPDATE – Members received an update on the site meeting which was held in July 2018 and that it was hoped that the path from Horkstow to South Ferriby would be opened in the coming months. Colin added that the biggest issue was the South Ferriby Mariner and the route in which the path was to take. Colin further added that the experimental traffic order leading to Horkstow Bridge was now permanent and blocks had also been installed to stop vehicles driving across the bridge. The Forum was informed that there were ongoing issues with land owners in regards to joining the path from Horkstow to Saxby and that an alternative route was being investigated.

Peter Mckenzie-Brown commented that the gate and blocks had stopped horse riders from being able to gain access to the bridge. Colin agreed to look at alternative measures.

Resolved – (a) That the update from Colin Wilkinson be noted and (b) that Colin Wilkinson investigates ways in which allows horse riders to access the bridge.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Dennis Oliver commented that with the opening of the new visitors centre on the A161, more traffic was using the road and that a planning application was due to be submitted for the Brick Works site which would create 175 additional jobs and parking for 200 cars. Dennis suggested that this would lead to more people needing to cross the busy road and that a suitable crossing should be looked at. Colin Wilkinson suggested that as the Local Access Forum was an advisory body, that a suggestions should be issues to the Planning Department.
Resolved – That the Secretary and Chairman meet to discuss what the appropriate advice should be submitted to the Planning Department on behalf of the Local Access Forum.

DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – The following dates were proposed and agreed –

- Wednesday 23 January 2019 – 2pm at the Civic Centre
- Wednesday 10 April 2019 - Venue to be agreed.
- Wednesday 10 July 2019 – Venue to be agreed.
- Wednesday 9 October 2019 – Venue to be agreed.