

# Meeting of the West Sussex Local Access Forum Wednesday 15 October 2025



A meeting of the West Sussex Local Access Forum (WSLAF) was held at **10.30am, Wednesday 15 October 2025**, at County Hall Chichester.

## Minutes (Unconfirmed)

### Present

Graham Elvey (GE) – Chairman  
Tricia Butcher (TB)  
Phil Miles (PM)

Carol Montgomery (CM)  
David Purcell (DP)

### WSSC Officers

Neil Vigar (NV) Interim Forum Officer, WSSC  
Steve Alexander (SA) Senior Access Ranger  
Abbie Smith (AS) Access Ranger – Area 5  
Adam Tucknott (AT) Access Ranger – Area 6

### 1. Apologies and welcomes

- i. GE opened the meeting by welcoming AS and AT the two new Access rangers and the Forum members introduced themselves.
- ii. Apologies received from Geoff Farrell, Nicol Beard, Roy Allen, Monica Collingham, David Green.
- iii. NV apologised that Emily Delicata was not attending as previous minutes had indicated.

### 2. Minutes of the Forum

#### . Minutes of formal meeting of 23 April 2025

- . The minutes of the formal meeting held on 23 April 2025 were approved as correct.
- . Items relating to actions and matters arising are either on the agenda or had been completed.

#### . Minutes of informal meeting of 9 July 2025

- . Items relating to actions and matters arising are either on the agenda, have an update in the General report or have been completed.

### 3. **Any urgent matters to be considered not on the agenda**

No urgent items raised.

### 4. **Consultations and advice**

- . Current consultations

- . A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study

Some members have responded individually. GE requested responses for WSLAF by 17 October 2025 so that he can collate and respond, particularly regarding crossings.

TB highlighted the ongoing issue of the lack of BW dedication of the Highden 'overbridge' crossing south of Washington, and the necessary diversion/creation of BW access routes to the bridge..

**Action NV to follow up with Ami Dye.**

SA encouraged members to respond and highlighted how PROW that exit onto busy roads, especially if there is no continuation or crossover, are a maintenance concern for the team.

- . **Consultation responses, advice given.**

Members noted the responses sent since the last formal meeting – listed below.

- i. Goring Shared Use Path Consultation – Adur & Worthing Councils

### 5. **WSLAF matters**

- . **A281 Downs Link crossing update**– GE circulated the drawings for the Highway improvements to the road at the crossing.

**Action** - Members to send comments to GE for submission.

- . **Friars Oak, Hassocks update** - path 5K has a closure notice until February 2026 due to the development, with the planned upgrade to a Bridleway due on completion. The work is linked to the underpass improvement/upgrades being done by Network Rail and the upgrade to path 11K which will link north to the Burgess Hill green circle.

- . **A283 Crossing, Washington update** - the scheme is currently with the LTIP team and the next update will be in February 2026 when the Annual Delivery Programme is published.

- . **Members copy of PROW inspection areas** – an updated Access Ranger area map with contact details was requested.

**Action** - SA to send.

- . **Members priorities (future topics/training)** –

**Action** - members to let GE know of any suggestions.

6. **General Report**

The General Report was noted.

7. **Dates of Next Meetings**

- Informal: Wednesday 18 February 2026 – Horsham
- Formal: Wednesday 29 April 2026 – Chichester
- Informal: Wednesday 8 July 2026 – Horsham
- Formal: Wednesday 21 October 2026 – Chichester

8. **AOB**

SA has located a file of hard copies of old meeting minutes for GE who has received a request.

TB asked for a structure chart of Countryside Services.

**Action** – NV to provide

*The meeting finished at 11.30am*