

The Surrey Countryside Access Forum

**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Surrey Countryside Access Forum
Woodhatch Place, Reigate, Surrey
Monday, 16 January 2022**

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2022 were confirmed with minor amendments.

5. Matters arising / Action points

Avril has not yet heard from Dan Williams regarding routes across North Park Farm Quarry.

Action: Joanne/Jonathan will ask Dan Williams to liaise with Avril to discuss her concerns.

- 9.5 Concerns were raised regarding conflicting interests between differing user groups on Bridleways. Avril and Gail reported that hard resurfacing of Bridleways was resulting in a loss of areas where unshod horses can canter.
- 9.6 Sally raised ecological concerns at Newlands Corner. Nitrate levels are too high, pollution from road traffic is an issue. Soil compaction and climate change are causing damage to ancient trees. Concerns that large visitor numbers (especially post lockdown) are adversely impacting sites.
- 9.7 Rob responded that visitors are encouraged due to the mental/physical health

Action: Request update from Mary Ann Edwards/Anne Woods who are leading on the issue.

12.4 Gareth asked if there is a planned calendar of works for surface improvements and repairs. Jo responded that there is not as such, but the maintenance team does look to target works where funding is available and known issues are given priority. He was advised it is most suitable to contact the maintenance team for further information. Gareth also asked about the status of