Rights of Way Committee

MINUTES of a meeting of the Rights of Way Committee held at the National Park Office, Wayfaring House, Murley Moss Business Park, Kendal at 10.00 am on 17 November 2025.

Present

Ms S Mosner (Chair)	Mr M Kidd
Mr W Clark	Mr R G Minshaw
Mr M Hatton	1 vacancy

23/25 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

24/25 Minutes

Decided: that the Minutes of the meetings held on 22 July and 7 October 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

25/25 Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced to the Committee and members of the public that the meeting was being livestreamed and that a digital recording of the meeting would be made.

26/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of a registrable interest or disclosable pecuniary interest relating to any of the business of the Committee.

27/25 Questions

There were no questions relating to the business of the Committee.

28/25 Public Participation

There were no questions, petitions or deputations of a general nature relating to the business of the Committee.

29/25 Modification of Definitive Map and Statement – Edgecombe House, Ravenglass, Muncaster Parish

The Rights of Way Officer presented a report that discussed a potential modification order to alter the definitive map and statement for footpath 418036 at Ravenglass, based on evidence that this path was incorrectly depicted on the definitive map, re-aligning it to the route described in the definitive statement and actually in use.

Members talked from personal experiences with the route under discussion and felt that it was extremely unlikely that there had ever been a path where marked on the definitive map.

The Rights of Way Officer confirmed that no objections had been received during consultation and explained that a modification order must be made when evidence suggests on the balance of probabilities that the particulars of the definitive map or statement are incorrect.

The Members approved the recommendations as recorded and the Chair thanks the Officer for his extremely clear report.

Decided:

a **Members agreed that we make an order altering the recorded definitive line of public footpath 418036 to the route shown C-D on the plan on page 2 of this report, in place of the current recorded route A-B, and update the description of the route within the definitive statement;**

b **Members agreed to the confirmation of the order if it receives no sustained objections; and**

c **Members agreed that the order be submitted to the Secretary of State for determination if objections are received and sustained.**

30/25 Progress on Rights of Way Cases and Delegated Matters - Quarter 2 (July-September) 2025-2026

The Senior Rights of Way Officer presented a briefing paper, for information only, that provided updates on matters previously authorised by the Rights of Way Committee or through delegated powers, together with updates on other legal casework carried out.

Members were advised of a forthcoming public inquiry regarding Occupation Lane that would take place on 13 January 2026 at Victory Hall in Broughton. They were invited to attend for information purposes as it is likely be a short inquiry of less than one day.

There were no questions or comments from Members.

Decided:

a **Members noted the progress.**

(The meeting concluded at 10:11)