

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Monday 8th May 2014

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup, Karla Powell.

1. Apologies:

Sally Williams.

2. Community path:

a) Ipswich to Freston Section: MC and MH met with John Soame and walked from Bourne Bridge to the top of Freston Hill. As both an experienced cyclist and a highway engineer JH knows what to look for, and was very thorough and helpful. He is aware that we cannot afford to pay much for his advice and design services, and agreed a provisional payment of approx.£2,000 for the completed job. We will see if any grant funding is available.

b) Shotley section: Piece of land abutting highway at start of Shotley: CC will approach David Mullett and ask him to speak to Shotley Parish Council about getting a section of path to link the existing interrupted footway agreed/installed.

3. Ganges Planning Application and S106 offer:

Provisionally the Section 106 money offers £255,000 for the community path, to be paid before the first dwelling is occupied.

BDC is also asking for a claw-back arrangement where the developers would have to give back half of any extra profit for further community-beneficial schemes, such as affordable housing, and with the possibility of the community path also gaining extra funding up to a total of £826K in order to put in the entire section of path between Chelmondiston and the foot ferry. **NB** MC has asked Babergh to relax the wording to allow any part of the route to be funded, not simply the Chelmondiston to Shotley section.

4. Sub-committee:

The minutes of the last sub-committee meeting have been circulated.

Some uncertainty exists regarding the future use of the field between the bridleway and Millfield, and adjoining Woodlands, as the owners of the field are keen to develop it. Chelmondiston PC has met the Babergh Affordable Housing officer to discuss the parish's affordable housing needs. While this uncertainty remains, the subcommittee has decided to put on hold the proposed upgrading of the bridleway's surface, and will concentrate on improving the Church Path section between the church and the school.

JG asked about a name for the community path. TG suggested that this should be put to the AGM, however the Shotley Peninsula Way was a possibility. A logo will also need to be considered, but in conjunction with SCC and SCHP.

Crossing point at Ipswich High School: TG will speak to the shepherd about using the concrete path across the fields either side of the driveway.

Cat House Road: the community path will need to use the section of this private road between the main road and the footpath onto Church Field. TG will approach the owners.

Church Field: Ipswich HS are happy to allow the use of the footpath by cyclists. TG will research suitable surfacing.

5. AGM:

It was agreed to use the Church Room at Chelmondiston again, if available, preferably on Thursday 19th June. RK will book the room for 7.00, for a 7.30 start.

6. **Events:**

- a) **National bike week:** Carolyn is organising an event at Holbrook Fire Station, with a fee/sponsorship going to the fire-fighters charity. KP will ask if they would like any help from us.
- b) **Women`s tour of Britain;** this will be passing along the strand and up Freston Hill at about mid-day on 12th June.

7. **Publicity and communications:**

- a) **Website:** nothing to report.
- b) **Newsletter:** last newsletter sent out in April. Will do another one after the AGM.
- c) **In-touch magazine:** next deadline 10.5.14. JG will send in a brief item regarding our AGM.

8. **Treasurers report:**

SW had notified the secretary that she had nothing to report.

9. **Membership update:**

JG reported 206 members from 76 households, including 53 under-18`s. Group membership remains unchanged.

10. **Minutes and matters arising:**

TG had been looking at group membership of the CTC. This would cost SPCC £60 pa, and benefits include 3rd party cover for any events that SPCC stage. The committee concluded that it looked well worth joining.

The minutes were then signed as a true record of the last meeting.

11. **AOB:**

JG asked if information about the AGM should be put in other local newsletters: it was agreed to publicise it in the Church and Community News, Holbrook News, and Chelplin.

MH reported that the local branch of CTC can reclaim some of its local members` subscription money from National CTC, to give as grants for local projects. Local committee members are keen to offer grant money to SPCC.

CC reported that Adnams Charity will donate to suitable projects within a 50 mile radius of Southwold.

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st July, at 9.30am, at Stone Cottage.