

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 9.30am, on Monday 29th September 2014

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Karla Powell

2. Community Path:

Ipswich end:

We are still waiting for John Soane to get started, but hope that this will be very soon. Next to Foxes boat storage area we are intending to put the path on the verge, rather than on top of the bank (which Foxes are not happy with). This is likely to be more expensive, and there are possible flooding issues that need to be addressed. Culverting is the most likely solution. JS has requested a meeting with SCC Highways to look at this more closely

Shotley Section:

No change.

Strip of land in front of first bungalow on left as you enter Shotley Gate: this property is named Little Oak, and belongs to Lena Baxter. SPCC will contact either the new parish clerk, or Michael Vaughan of Shotley PC to try to get a right of access over this strip.

3. Ganges Planning Application and 106 offer:

RK reported that there is still no agreement on the S106 agreement or timetabling of when the S106 works should be done. If agreement is not reached by the end of September, it will be taken back to the BDC Planning Committee for re-consideration.

MC will contact Graham Chamberlain at BDC to get an update on the situation.

4. Report from Sub-Committee:

No meeting has been held since our July meeting, but work has continued.

TG has met Lorraine, who is Business Manager at IHS, and has now written to her to ask for confirmation that IHS would have no problem with the cycle path using the concrete road across the sheep fields half way up the driveway. As gates are now the norm where barriers are required, rather than stiles, he asked if gates with self-closing springs could be used. TG is waiting for a reply.

TG has heard back from Woolverstone Marina (MDL), who are the owners of the Marina (aka Cat House) Road. TG now needs to set up a meeting with them to discuss cycles using or crossing the road, where there is only a right to use it as a public footpath. It was then pointed out that non-marina users already use this road to access the RHYC and the restaurant at the Marina, etc, presumably sometimes by bike.

TG has also written to Mr. Stennett regarding the path from the Woolverstone Hall entrance to the top of Berners Lane. Stennetts have now asked for further information, so TG has sent him a link to our web-site, and requested a meeting. If no response is received in 3 to 4 weeks. TG will write again, stressing our desire to meet.

The used sand and rubber mix from the stables has not been followed up.

5. Publicity and communications:

a) Website

TG reported that the minutes have been uploaded.

b) Newsletter:

Last one was circulated in August, but no point in producing another until there is fresh news to report.

c) In Touch magazine:

Once the proposed name for the path has been approved, an article could be written for this free magazine.

6. Finance:

SW reported a balance of £4430.78 in the bank.

A bottle of wine had been given to Nicky Cordle as a thank-you for inspecting the books.

7. Membership:

JG reported two new members (Mr and Mrs Jeffries junior), making a total of 168 members in 66 households.

JG has done all she can to get past members back, but until we have a positive outcome on the ground it may be very difficult to hang on to some members.

MC suggested that each committee member should try to recruit, say, 3 new members each by Christmas. All agreed to this proposal.

8. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21.7.14 were approved as a true record, and signed by MC.

9. AOB:

None.

Date of next meeting: 24th November 2014, at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston