

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, on Wednesday 6th March 2019, at 6.30pm

Present: Cathy Crouch, Mike Crouch, Tony Gould, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup (Chair), Jez Meredith, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Karla Powell, Denise Tinker, Sean Tinker.

2. Community Path:

a) Ipswich to Freston section:

Mike Havard and John Soames have walked up and down Freston Hill, resulting in JS producing plans of the possible route up the east side of the road. JS is recommending a half-metre verge between the path and the road. He has also suggested that other committee members visit to double-check his findings, and to report back to MH or Rosie Kirkup.

The main issue highlighted by this exercise is the narrowness of the existing footway outside Hill Cottage, near the top of the hill, and the question of whether it could be widened. MH felt that the owner of Hill Cottage had backtracked somewhat about allowing a strip of his garden to be used for this purpose, but had not entirely ruled this out.

RK and MH will arrange to visit Hill Cottage's owner, to discuss the matter further.

RK will also contact Phil Mayhew as his field entrance adjacent to Hill Cottage may also be affected, and will contact Paul Horne (Highways), too.

Tony Gould will make contact with the owner of Holly Cottage, where the Holly hedge has been allowed to grow out over the footway and verge.

b) Freston to Chelmondiston section:

Tony Gould felt that it might be worth approaching the Stennet family again about the fieldside path south of the entrance to Woolverstone Hall. It was suggested that it may be useful to sound out Richard Wrinch on this matter

c) Chelmondiston to Shotley section:

No developments since the last committee meeting; Rosie Kirkup and will speak to Claire Smith (SCHP) regarding a licence agreement with Geoff Mayhew, and will try to arrange another meeting with Philip Broadbent-Yale (Sustrans), in order to get things moving.

3. Southern Route

Following the cancellation of the meeting with Philip Broadbent-Yale, this needs to be re-scheduled, as above.

Mike Crouch told the committee that he had lodged a complaint on the SCC Highways website, regarding the state of the bridleway in a couple of short sections in Cutlers Wood, but had been advised that the surface was adequate for walkers and no action was therefore required. (Although a bridleway, where cycling is permitted, the surface only has to be suitable for walkers and horse-riders).

Cathy Crouch will contact Oliver Paul to find out the ownership of Cutlers Wood.

4. Ganges update

The Developers are still ticking off issues that have to be resolved before they can start building. Still no start date.

5. Lorry Park at Wherstead:

No new information regarding a planning application. It was agreed to keep an eye on this, as it could be a source of Section 106 money to improve access between the old road up Bourne Hill, and Wherstead village.

6. Future events:

This will be further discussed when Denise Tinker has reported back with her findings. Meanwhile, Jez Meredith will book the Smoothie Bike for the 14th July (Alton Water`s Triathlon event)

No sign of the SPCC`s banner: enquiries to be made at the Co-op in Holbrook.

7. Publicity and Communications:

a) **Website:** up to date.

b) **Newsletter:** last one issued in November. Prepare one for Easter, if anything new to report.

c) **In Touch magazine:** Nothing to report.

8. Treasurers report:

£3754.89 balance in the account.

One payment of £13.67 made to Tony Gould for the re-registration of our domain name subsequently.

9. Membership:

One new member; membership has therefore risen from 136 to 137.

10. Minutes of the previous meeting (16.1.19):

These were signed as a true record.

11. Matters arising:

None.

12. AOB:

Lost paths: Tony Gould had circulated some information about other organisations looking at this issue, particularly the British Horse society, and the local Camino Riders, based at Stowmarket. Elizabeth Barrett of the Camino Riders is willing to go to the County Record Office to give advice and help to get you started in your research. Cathy Crouch undertook to contact her.

Date of next meeting: 6.30pm on Monday 29th April 2019, at Broadacres, Chelmondiston.