

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign**

**Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Rosie Kirkup,

### **1. Apologies:**

Mike Havard, Karla Powell, Sally Williams.

### **2. Community Path:**

#### **a) Wherstead section:**

MC has been corresponding via email with the Paul's wildlife advisor, Diane Ling, who in turn has been consulting Natural England, regarding the proposed diversion of the existing cross-field footpath (from the bottom of Freston Hill to Redgate Lane) to the edge of the B1456, in order to accommodate the community path. She reported that both she and Steve Gilbey (of Natural England) have "grave reservations" regarding this proposal, but no indication was given of what they were.

MC then emailed Steve Gilbey direct, asking him to explain his reservations, and asking for a meeting to discuss the matter. So far no reply has been received.

Meetings will, anyway, be needed between Natural England, the Pauls, Anthony Wright, Suffolk County Highways and Nick Collinson (Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Partnership), plus other affected parties, in order to reach agreement on the precise route of the Community Path in this first section.

MC, CC and MH are due to meet Ian Richardson (Suffolk County Highways) and Anthony Wright on 17.10.12, to look more closely at this section of the route, before the meetings with those listed above.

#### **b) Shotley section:**

After meeting with them in April, Suffolk County Highways said they would prepare costings and plans for the Shotley section of the route. Costings have now been prepared, but not any plans. Without plans it will be impossible to consult other interested parties, such as Shotley Parish Council, so the SPCC may need to commission the Highways Department to produce a simple set for consultation purposes. MC will consult Anthony Wright about this.

MC will also speak to the County Council and Babergh District Council to find out whether or not planning permission would be required.

Ganges Planning application:

- RK will try to find out when the planning application will go to committee.
- MC has written to Lindsey Barker (BDC/MSDC strategic director) regarding the commissioning of a viability study to determine the size of S106 payments for the development.

### **3. Publicity - New Leaflet:**

Copies of our existing leaflet have almost all been used up. It was agreed to design a new, more eye-catching, version with the help of Mike Castle. CC will email all our members asking if they have any suitable cycling/ Shotley Peninsula photos, which could be used in the new leaflet.

**4. Website:**

Our new patron, Elaine Purves, is now named on our home page.

TG has put the annual accounts on the "About us" page, plus our response to the Ganges Planning application. The August Newsletter has also been added.

Other local websites: we now appear on the Shotley website, and the Chelmondiston and Pin Mill website, and will shortly be on the Harkstead one when it is up and running again.

**5. Newsletter**

Not enough new information to justify producing another newsletter yet.

**6. Schools:**

RK is meeting the new Head of Chelmondiston Primary School next Monday, and will talk to her about the SPCC.

**7. Treasurers report:**

Our last bank statement showed a balance of £3991.37.

Changes to the signatories have now been completed.

**8. Membership:**

JG reported that 30 renewals out of 85 have so far been received, and a reminder will shortly be sent out. However, most of those who have so far renewed have done so for 5 years.

MC asked JG and TG to liase regarding new members joining as a result of being targeted by TG.

**9. Minutes of the last meeting, and matters arising:**

The minutes of the last meeting had already been signed following consultation by email, in order to allow the banking changes to be completed.

There were no matters arising.

**10. Date of next meeting:**

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012, 10.30am, at Stone Cottage.