

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

**Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012**

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

## **1. Apologies:**

None

## **2. Welcome to new committee members:**

Karla Powell and Sally Williams were welcomed to the committee, following their election at the AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

## **3. Community Path**

### **a) Ipswich to Freston section:**

The Pauls had asked MC to liaise with their wildlife advisor regarding possible re-routing of a section of footpath nearer the B1456, and nearer a possible, future, Higher Level Stewardship strip of land. MC has briefed her, and she is sounding out Natural England to get their informal view.

The SPCC also needs to have a chat with Suffolk County Highways re. the section of route on Freston Hill, where highways land would be required if our preferred route is followed.

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

Ian Richardson, from Suffolk County Highways, now has costings for the Shotley section of the path, and will be giving them to the SPCC shortly.

### **c) HMS Ganges :**

Shotley Parish Council is supporting the new planning application for the old HMS Ganges site, with a few reservations, and with extremely strong support for the community path.

Although the official period for responding on the application to BDC is almost over, the application will take months to get to committee, and late responses will almost certainly be taken into account. We need to again remind our members to write to BDC, if they haven't already done so.

BDC needs to be pressed to have a financial assessment done for the amount of S106 money that the proposed development could stand. MC will write to Lindsay Barker (new strategic director) at BDC to emphasise this.

## **4. Publicity and Communications:**

### **a) Website:**

TG has updated the payment options on the website in line with the changes approved at the AGM.

At present he has removed the means of recording how many "hits" our website gets because of the need to warn users of the site that cookies are being employed.

He will also put our response to BDC, re. the Ganges planning application, on the newsletter page, and point out that the deadline for responses can be ignored.

### **b) Newsletter:**

MC and CC will put together the next newsletter, with news from the recent AGM, plus other updates, and again urging our members to respond to the Ganges PA.

Also to include: thanks to Nicky Cordle of Foreshore Accountancy for examining our annual accounts.

**c) Publicity:**

RK will ask the Shipwreck PH at Shotley Marina if we can put the SPCC banner up in their premises.

JG and RK will get SPCC publicity leaflets to all the peninsula churches and chapels in time for the Historic Churches Bike-ride on September 8<sup>th</sup>, subject to approval by the relevant church authorities.

**5. Items to follow-up from AGM:**

1. Naming of SPCC's new patron (Elaine Purves) on letter-heading – MC to contact her about this.
2. Letter of thanks plus bottle of wine to go to Nicky Cordle (see above) – JG to action.
3. TG to put annual accounts, as approved at AGM, on website.
4. Mike Castle has offered to help with design of leaflets, etc. RK will speak to him.

**6. Schools update:**

KP suggested having another push to recruit new members via the peninsula schools, and to ask each school to contribute information and photographs of relevance.

KP and RK will ask to be allowed to give presentations to local schools, concentrating on Shotley, Chelmondiston, and Holbrook.

KP also suggested that it would be good to have cycling event/s for families. This will be included on the agenda for our next meeting.

**7. Treasurers report:**

Because of the changeover of treasurer, no report had been prepared.

Sally Williams (who was elected treasurer at the AGM) needs to be a signatory for banking purposes.

Tony Gould proposed the following resolution: that the three existing signatories should be retained, and that Sally Williams should be added as a fourth.

Mike Havard seconded the motion, and the committee agreed this unanimously.

The resolutions on page 7 of the Co-operative Bank's Change of Account Signatories mandate were then passed by a unanimous vote, and signed by the Chairman of the committee.

**8. Membership update:**

Membership now stands at 214 individual members, and 10 organisations.

**9. AOB;**

TG asked if group emailings could be sent out as blind carbon copies to prevent our mailing lists being used by others.

**10. Date of next meeting:**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am, at Stone cottage.