

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, on Tuesday 22nd October 2019, at 6.30pm

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

1. Apologies:

Rosie Kirkup, Denise Tinker.

2. Community Path:

a) Ipswich to Freston Section:

The SPCC has been invited to attend a meeting of Freston Parish Council on 27 November in order to explain our intentions for improved cycle routes in and near that parish. It was agreed that CC, TG and MH would attend and do a joint presentation using our new leaflets and the plan John Soames had prepared for Freston Hill.

Action: CC, TG and MH to attend meeting on 27th November.

b) Freston to Chelmondiston Section:

As part of his development proposals for Woolverstone, Geoff Mayhew is suggesting a cycle path to run from the western edge of the village southwards, across his land, to the edge of Holbrook. The committee decided to keep a watching brief on this interesting development and comment if it got to the planning application stage. In the meantime TG and JM would try to attend the next meeting of Woolverstone PC when the Mayhews proposals for Woolverstone were due to be discussed again.

Action: If possible, TG and JM to attend next meeting of the Parish Council.

Geoff Mayhew now owns the land previously owned by Mr Stennett next to the B.1456, between Woolverstone Hall's eastern boundary and Berners Lane. He is willing to consider a cycle path here, along the route of Woolverstone footpath No. 21 (which runs parallel to the B1456) to Berners Lane, then on as a new field-edge path as far as Richardsons Lane. This does not seem to form part of his comprehensive development package for the parish.

In view of this, it was agreed that Chelmondiston PC should be contacted to establish whether any CIL money could be allocated for an upgrade of the section of Bridleway No. 27 which runs from the bottom of Richardson's Lane eastwards to the NW corner of Woodlands, and where planning permission has recently been granted for housing.

Action: SW to contact Chelmondiston PC about this.

c) Chelmondiston to Shotley Section:

CC is continuing with her research on the status of lanes across the peninsula

3. The Southern Route

No response has been received from our own County Councillor concerning the condition of the bridleway through Cutlers Wood in Freston. CC has therefore contacted the County Council's Transport Portfolio Holder regarding this, and also regarding the need for improved cycle and pedestrian access across the A14 slip-roads and into the proposed Service Area at the top of Wherstead Hill.

Councillor Reid, the new Portfolio Holder, has asked CC to contact the local County Councillor, Christopher Hudson, in the first instance.

Action: CC to contact Cllr. C. Hudson.

With regard to the overgrown visibility splays beside the footway which crosses the northern slip road onto the A.14, adjacent to the proposed Service Area, MC reported that despite lodging a complaint with the County Council, they had only managed to clear the footway and not the visibility splay. A further complaint has been lodged to try to rectify this. In the meantime some of the offending visibility splay had been cleared by contractors undertaking investigatory work as part of the Service Area proposal.

TG reported that Wherstead Parish Councillor, Robin Coates, had now received training from the County Council to carry out minor highway works such as this, and the committee agreed to contact him about this problem.

Action: CC to contact Robin Coates of Wherstead Parish Council.

4. Ganges Update

The Committee had received no new information since the last meeting, but believed that work was still due to commence in the near future.

5. Lost Paths

In addition to her continued research into the status of some of the paths and tracks on the peninsula, CC reported that she had recently discovered that the track from the B.1456 up to SFH at Wherstead had been a maintainable public road before WW2, as clearly marked on a 1932 Samford RDC map.

Action: CC to bring this to the attention of the County Council.

6. Future Events:

The merits of possibly widening the Campaign's remit to include promoting more cycling generally across the peninsula, as opposed to just the provision of new or improved cycle routes, were discussed. Whilst one or two Committee members thought this would be a good direction to move in, several others wanted just to retain our current focus on routes. However it was agreed that making the SPCC's presence better known on the peninsula was worthwhile, and JM agreed to give this more thought.

Action: JM to report back with ideas for 2020 to the next meeting.

7. Publicity and Communications:

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

b) **Newsletter:** A new newsletter was needed before Christmas. **Action:** MC to prepare and send out newsletter.

c) **In Touch Magazine:** **Action:** MC to ensure that the same newsletter is also sent to the In Touch editor.

d) **Shaun's Shorts:** We recorded our thanks to DT for placing our new leaflet on Shaun's Shorts. We also thanked TG for producing this new leaflet which we all thought was a great success.

8. Treasurers Report

No change since our last meeting.

9. Membership

There has been an increase in membership since our last meeting which now stands at 150 (Check ??) MC reported that he had checked up on the benefits of the SPCC taking out a group membership subscription with Cycling UK. This would currently cost £77.50pa and would provide us with £10m organisers liability insurance. It would also enable our members take out individual affiliated membership with Cycling UK for £25pa which would provide them with individual third party insurance whilst cycling. **Action:** MC to mention this in our next newsletter in order to gauge interest amongst our membership.

10. Minutes of last meeting (5.9.19) & Matters Arising

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

Under item 12, CC reported that she still needed to contact Phillip Broadbent-Yale of Sustrans.

11. Any Other Business

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2019, 6.30pm at Broadacres, Chelmondiston

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

