

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Maytrees, Woolverstone, on Monday 3rd September 2018, at 6.30pm

Present: Cathy Crouch, Mike Crouch, Tony Gould, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup, Jez Meredith, Karla Powell, Denise Tinker, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Sean Tinker.

2. Community Path:

a) Freston Hill:

CC reported that she had visited Phoenix House where the Suffolk Terrier maps are kept, and had a very helpful discussion with Pam Ward (Highways Records Technician) regarding the status of the roadside verges and banks on Freston Hill. There have clearly been a number of other recent enquiries regarding the status of this land, and for this reason much of it has been definitively shown to be part of the highway, and the rest can be *presumed* to have the same status because the boundaries are consistent. However, if we were ever to make a planning application for a cycle path here, a full check of the status of the entire area would probably be required, and for this a fee would be payable.

There was then a brief discussion regarding whether or not planning permission would be required, but if it were, whether Freston Parish Council might be persuaded to apply on behalf of the SPCC (minor works carried out by Parish Councils are exempt, but if pp required, Parish Councils only pay half the normal fees).

RK will be meeting an arboriculturalist to look at the trees and bushes on Freston Hill on 9th September.

b) Shotley:

Nothing to report.

3. Southern Route:

RK has been in contact with Claire Cadman (who has taken over from Bill Jenman at SCHP) who is willing to attend one of our committee meetings. It was agreed to invite her to the next one.

CC reported on her discussions with Karina Grimwade (Manager - Blue Cross at Wherstead) regarding crossing the A14 slip roads, and the improvements to visibility that are desperately needed. She was supportive of our tentative proposal to move the fence line back on the corner of the junction, but Pigeon, from whom they lease the site, would need to be involved.

CC then talked about the telephone call she'd had with Stuart McDonald at the Co-op's HQ at Wherstead. He has been in discussions with David Chenery (Suffolk Highways Safety and Speed Management Engineer) re. safety issues at the junction of Wherstead Street and the A137. Suffolk Highways have agreed in principle to a new 30mph speed limit from the mini-roundabouts to a point beyond the Wherstead Street junction.

It was agreed that CC would contact David Chenery to try to arrange a meeting regarding the unsafe crossing of the slip roads, and to see if the 30mph limit could be extended further back down the hill towards Ipswich.

RK will speak to Sally Chicken (our local Co-operative Board member) to see if she can persuade the Co-op to add its weight to our campaign for a safer crossing.

RK will also make contact with Pigeon.

4. Report from sub-committees:

a) Freston to Chelmondiston:

Nothing new to report.

b) Chelmondiston to Shotley:

At the recent meeting with Suffolk Highways and SCHP, Alex Maher had confirmed that if a footpath were licenced as a permitted cycle path, SCC Rights of way would be responsible for the necessary insurance (unless the landowner had been negligent).

SW will set up a meeting with Geoff Mayhew regarding the possible route from Crouch House through to Erwarton Hall.

5. General correspondence:

Green Party County Councillor Robert Lindsay emailed a request for support for two motions being put before the County Council regarding the promotion of better cycling facilities, and for allocated funding, in Suffolk. This was circulated to the SPCC membership.

The first motion was passed by the County Council but no funding was allocated.

RK was also sent information regarding Greenways and Cycle Routes Ltd., who may provide support to groups such as ours. RK will get in touch with them.

The committee has also been made aware of the Stour Valley Cycling campaigning group. TG will investigate further.

6. Ganges:

Nothing new to report.

7. Publicity and Communications:

a) Website: the latest newsletter and the last minutes have been uploaded.

b) In Touch magazine: the newsletter appeared in a recent edition of the magazine.

c) Shawn`s Shorts: DT offer to put information on this website was welcomed by all the other committee members.

8. Treasurers report:

The balance in the bank account remains the same as at the previous meeting (£3,748.54).

9. Membership:

One new member has been recruited.

DT has spoken to the Head of Holbrook High School about the school re-joining as a group member; she has also been in touch with the local primary schools about the same matter.

10. AOB:

Some committee members were keen for an event to re-publicise the SPCC, such as those organised in the early days of the SPCC. KP suggested a Cycle Treasure Hunt. It was agreed that this and any other ideas should be seriously considered.

11. Minutes and matters arising:

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 19.7.18 were signed as a true record.

There were no other matters arising.

Date of next meeting: 7th November 2018, 6.00pm, Church Room, Chelmondiston.