

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

**Held at the Broadacres, Chelmondiston, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at 6.30pm**

Present: Cathy Crouch (chair), Mike Crouch, Tony Gould, Mike Havard, Karla Powell, Denise Tinker, Sally Williams.

### **1. Apologies:**

Jez Meredith, Rosie Kirkup

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

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

Tony attended the Freston Parish meeting. A few things came to light at this meeting; it appears that the issue with Vanessa Penn and Mr Pratt, who live opposite the Boot PH, was mainly cars parking in the layby outside his house and at the top of Freston Hill. This issue has arisen since the Bus-Shelter took up residence in the main Freston layby, causing ramblers and others with cars to use the bus-layby opposite the pub, restricting visibility when leaving their driveways. Tony mentioned the cycle path, suggesting this may help to ease the situation; VP sounded open to his idea, which will be discussed further at a Freston Parish meeting.

It was mentioned that Barry Pots (Hill House) has received advice not to release any land for the cycle path since his meeting with RK, which was not unexpected.

MH and RK will continue their work looking into the boundary of the highway.

Next step – TG is awaiting a response from Henry Stogdon (Freston Parish Chairman) to see if SPCC can be invited to their next parish meeting, to give a brief presentation re. the proposed cycle path. SPCC will also request that David Wood be asked to attend.

Once an agreement has been reached with Freston, a joint approach needs to be made to the Portfolio Holder at SCC, seeking his support.

#### **b) Freston to Chelmondiston section:**

Nothing heard from Mr Stennett since TG wrote to him. He will speak to Geoff Mayhew again.

#### **c) Chelmondiston to Shotley section:**

SW had nothing new to report.

TG suggested that Tony Roberts (Harkstead Parish Council) could possibly be enlisted to help with our moves to get a cycle path through to Erwarton.

### **3. Southern Route**

The issues at Cutlers Wood are still unresolved. Cathy Crouch has asked David Wood to use his influence to help resolve the matter; nothing heard back from DW yet.

It was agreed that CC should contact Natural England direct to ask for their advice. Mr Andrew Paul (landowner) does not seem to be against remedial work taking place; the issue was what to fill the potholes with.

Brambles are still causing issues at the A14 slip roads at Wherstead: MC will check when SCC Highways should have done the work by. CC will contact Wherstead Parish Council to try to get them on-side.

Next meeting to discuss the possibility of a working party (see <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/community-self-help-scheme/> for further information on the subject).

Wherstead Services planning application still awaiting determination. If approved and constructed without improved crossings, the problems for cyclists and pedestrians will be even greater than now. SPCC needs to keep a close eye on developments.

### **4. Ganges update**

Nothing to report.

**5. Lost paths:**

CC has been continuing to make some progress with her research, which is time consuming but interesting. CC asked if anyone would like to join her in this, but unfortunately no one was able to commit to this.

**6. Future events:**

Unfortunately, the Alton Water Triathlon on 14.7.19 was cancelled due to Algae issue. Nothing else arranged yet, though mention was again made of KP's idea of a cycle Treasure Hunt. The committee will look again at this in the Spring.

**7. Publicity and Communications:**

a) **Website:** TG has amended the website as follows: details of the new Committee; the 2018 AGM minutes and approved accounts.

b) **Newsletter:** Last one sent out in May – nothing new to report.

c) **In Touch magazine:** DT to send PDF link to In Touch Magazine to see if they will add our website to the next few copies

d) **Leaflet:** TG was thanked for getting this done. DT to place them in various local establishments eg Doctors 'Surgeries, Holbrook gym, Hollingsworth, schools, Stutton Community shop and local public houses, as well as asking local schools to send home the PDF of the leaflet to parents. MH has taken some for the Tourist Information Centre in Ipswich town centre.

e) **Shaun's Shorts:** DT to upload link to new leaflet and updated website.

**8. Treasurers report:**

SW has paid John Soames £209.90 for his work on the Freston Hill path. This had previously been approved by the committee by email, and was formally ratified at the meeting.

TG was reimbursed the £35.90 (250 leaflets) for the cost of printing the leaflets.

SW has also paid the invoice for the hire of the Church Room for the AGM (£12.50).

Reported balance on 05/09/19 :- £3495.42

**9. Membership:**

No change from the previous meeting. 139 members to date.

**11. Minutes of the previous meeting (25.06.19):**

These were signed as a true record.

**12. Matters arising:**

CC will ask RK for an update from Phillip Broadbent-Yale re. the A14 slip road crossing at Wherstead,

Cycling UK (previously CTC): MC will look into group membership for SPCC, and find out about any relevant benefits for SPCC's membership.

**13. Any other business:**

MH queried whether getting members more involved was necessary at this stage. A short discussion followed, but no decisions were reached.

It was noted that RK has always been invited to give a brief report on SPCC to Chelmondiston annual parish meeting, thereby reminding those present of our continuing existence.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm

**Date of next meeting: 6.30pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, at Broadacres, Chelmondiston.**