

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Monday 24th November 2014

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Karla Powell.

2. Community Path, Ipswich to Freston section:

John Soane has done a lot of work on this in order to prepare plans for the planning application which SPCC hopes to submit shortly. MC and MH have been out with him twice, looking at the route and surveying the ditch next to the river wall. The exact profile of the ditch is now known: it is very overgrown, has little holding capacity, and its bottom undulates, ie there is very poor flow. However, it would still need to be piped, were the path to be constructed above it, and in JS's opinion it would be cheaper to put the path on top of the bank.

JS has now drawn up a plan for the entire section dividing it into 4 sections to make it easier to read, and showing all construction details. Included in the drawings is an additional on-road, advisory bike lane going down Freston Hill from the Boot PH to the bend at the bottom of the hill, as discussed with County Highways.

MC needs to agree with Babergh DC how much needs to be included in the planning application, as only the length from Suffolk Food Hall to the start of Foxes Marina will require planning permission.

Consultations will need to be held with Foxes Marina/Oyster Properties, Pauls, plus Freston and Wherstead PC's.

JS will be submitting another bill for £350, making a total of £550 for all the work he has done.

3. HMS Ganges:

There is still no news of the Section 106 Agreement. RK will ask Fran Sewell (Chelmondiston Parish Clerk) to find out what is happening. We need to ensure that money already earmarked for the cycle route is not taken out of the equation.

4. Quiet lanes:

Neil Winship emailed his proposal to look at designating a network of Quiet Lanes on the Shotley Peninsula to all the peninsula parish councils. Only Woolverstone PC responded, and invited him to a parish council meeting, which TG attended on SPCC's behalf.

NW put forward Glebe Lane as a possible candidate for QL status, with Woolverstone PC suggesting Harkstead Lane.

On 24.1.15 a report on the QL's pilot scheme (in Suffolk Coastal) will go before an SCC committee. Until then, we will not know if a network of QL's on the peninsula is likely to be supported by the Highway Authority.

5. Meeting with Portfolio Holder:

MC met County Cllr Graham Newman on 27.10.14 to further discuss our proposals. He is highly supportive, and also suggested that the Shotley Peninsula as a whole could be promoted as a cycle-friendly area.

MC asked if a simple statement could be agreed with all interested parties, setting out facilities already in place, and proposed new ones. It was agreed that MC should draught this and circulate it.

6. Sub- committee:

Sub-committee has not met since our last SPCC meeting. TG is still waiting for a reply from William Stennett, so he will send a reminder. IHS also needs a prod a regarding the route across the sheep fields either side of the drive.

7. Publicity/communications:

a) Website: web-site is up-to-date.

b) Newsletter: time for another one, (to include the planning application, quiet lanes, etc.).

c) In touch magazine: RK will send them an adaptation of the newsletter, plus invite new members to join.

8. Treasurer`s report:

SW reported that she had paid John Soane £200 plus expenses of £21.93 for his initial work for us.

The last bank statement showed a balance of £4441.68, before this payment was made.

MH reported that the local branch of the CTC would be willing to pay for some of our costs to develop the first section of path, and will report again at our next meeting.

9. Membership:

A new family membership (4 in household) has been taken out for one year, plus 1 one-year renewal.

10. Minutes:

These were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record of the last meeting.

11. AOB:

TG asked if our minutes should be restricted to just our members; the meeting agreed that they should be available for everyone to read.

Date of next meeting: 2nd February 2015, 10.30am, at Stone Cottage.