

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Monday 2nd February 2015

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

1. Apologies:

Karla Powell.

2. Community Path:

a) Ipswich to Freston section: John Soane has redrawn the plan of the route, making it easier to read. A further payment of £131 has been made to him for the extra work. MC will send it to Graham Chamberlain at Babergh, and once his response has been received, will the send it to the two private landowners whose land is affected by our proposals, and the relevant parish councils. Only after these consultations are completed will the planning application be submitted.

The committee also noted that the survey work undertaken by JS, M and MH showed that the drainage ditch opposite the houses on the Strand does not flow, and Highways would need to make the necessary improvements to it before it could be culverted.

b) Shotley Section: TG will contact Alana Baxter, regarding the break in the footway where her property comes down to the edge of the road, once she returns from holiday.

3. Ganges / S106 agreement:

RK was not present to give an update on the Ganges situation.

MH quoted a report in the local press regarding Suffolk County Council's failure to collect a large percentage of S106 money.

4. Quiet lanes scheme:

SPCC is sympathetic to the idea of Quiet lanes, but is also realistic about their efficacy. SCC put a report before the Rights of Way Committee on 14th January, regarding the pilot scheme north of Woodbridge, but MC could not find it online. Neil Winship attended the meeting and has said that the report was all facts and figures, and that it is now up to Cllr Graham Newman to decide if more schemes should go ahead. However, the officers have advised that no further schemes should be undertaken.

We are now waiting to hear back from Cllr GN. If he decides to ignore the officers and proceed with a QL scheme on the Shotley Peninsula, a local committee needs to be set up, and the SPCC clearly would wish to be represented on it.

5. Meeting with Philip Mayhew:

Our draft route shows the path going across Home Farm land: Philip Mayhew has previously verbally stated that he is not happy with this, but has never formally objected. Neil Winship brought this issue to the fore again when he spoke to Woolverstone Parish Council about Quiet Lanes, and used the SPCC's proposals map without consulting us and therefore not fully understanding the situation.

A meeting now needs to be arranged with PM to smooth things over, and explain our reasons for not deleting the controversial section of path from the draft route. A second meeting will then be needed with Woolverstone Parish Council to try to find an alternative route.

TG will approach PM to arrange meeting. MH also to attend.

6. Sub-committee:

No meeting has taken place, but TG has sent another letter to Mr Stennet regarding the proposed use of a footpath across land he owns. Still no response.

TG is also looking at questions in a funding booklet in preparation for applying for funding in the future. MC will be doing a statement for the planning application which could also be used when applying for funding.

7. Publicity and communications:

TG has added our last newsletter and approved minutes to the website.

Another newsletter will be needed after our next committee meeting.

We had a good article about SPCC in a recent In Touch magazine.

8. Treasurer`s Report:

SW reported that the balance on 2.2.15 was £3760.95.

9. Membership update:

JG reported that 1 new household (2 people) have joined for 5 years. Number of members has risen to just under 200.

MH will recruit at the CTC dinner.

TG reported that a group called the Peninsula Peddlers now exists, and suggested that we try to recruit members from them.

10. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:

All matters arising dealt with as above.

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

11. AOB:

TG raised the matter that most funding applications require the evidence used to support the application to be less than 2 years old. It was agreed to put an item on the next agenda to consider this further,

Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Project is proposing to produce a leaflet for cycling on the Shotley Peninsula. The committee concluded that this is to our advantage and CC will confirm this to Neil Lister.

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd March, 10.30am at Stone Cottage.