

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Hill Cottage, Harkstead, at 10.30am, on Monday 7th December 2015

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

1. Apologies:

Mike Havard, Karla Powell

2. Community Path

a) Ipswich to Freston section: both Pauls and Oyster Properties have been contacted. Pauls have replied that they will meet SPCC in the New Year. Still no reply from Oyster: MC will try again, and if no success will go to the office at Fox's Boatyard.

A copy of the detailed plans for this section have been sent to SCC Highways; if they are happy, a copy will then be sent to other interested parties, eg Parish Councils.

Once all parties have been consulted, then SPCC is in a position to get the landscape and wildlife assessments done. Alison Looser from Harkstead would be worth asking about the wildlife assessment.

b) Shotley section: TG has made contact with Mrs Baxter at Little Oaks, Shotley Gate and has discovered that Shotley Parish Council will be discussing her strip of garden (next to the road, which causes a break in the footway), at the November or December Parish Council meeting.

3. Ganges site:

Rosemary Blackburn has informed TG that "someone" will not sign the S106 agreement, and is therefore holding everything up.

4. Sub-committee:

TG was joined by MC, MH and Mark Williams from SCC Highways, to walk from Ipswich High School to Berners Lane looking at possible alternative routes for the path. Some stretches of the verge alongside the B1456 are more than adequate, but there are also some extremely narrow bits, with mature trees in the way, thereby probably ruling out the use of the highway verge. On the other side of the hedge there is a really good, wide, public footpath on land belonging to Mr Stennet.

TG is happy to speak to Philip Mayhew, who farms these fields, to seek his views on looking into upgrading the footpath to a bridleway.

TG was also asked to request that Woolverstone Parish Council put this issue on a forthcoming agenda to see if they can find a solution.

Simon Pierce (Woolverstone PC Chairman) is keen to put our community path on Woolverstone's village plan.

5. Meeting with MP:

RK set up a meeting with James Cartlidge, the new South Suffolk MP, which MC, CC, and MH also attended. The tone of the meeting was very positive; JC felt our project is a

worth-while cause, and would be willing to put his name to a letter of support when SPCC starts to look for funding.

6. Publicity and Communications:

a) Website: TG reported that our website is up-to-date, and that there is now a link *from* the CTC's own website to ours. He still has to build our bit onto their web-site, however.

b) Newsletter: a fresh newsletter will be sent out before Christmas.

c) In Touch magazine: RK will send the editor our forthcoming newsletter, plus a suitable photograph.

7. Treasurer's report:

SW reported that on the 1.12.15 the bank balance stood at £3858.58.

8. Membership:

JG reported a recent late renewal of membership, but otherwise no changes.

9. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:

All matters arising from the last minutes had been dealt with, as above.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

10. AOB:

JG will put out a notice by her gate to try to recruit new members.

Date of next meeting: Monday 8th February 2016, 10.30am, at Hill Cottage.