

## **Minutes of the Committee of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign, held on Wednesday 11 October 2023, Broadacres, Chelmondiston**

**Present:** Cathy Crouch (Chair), Mike Crouch, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup, Sally Williams.

**1. Apologies:** Ged Gora, Jez Meredith.

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

**(a) Ipswich to Freston:** MH has contacted Katherine Davies (BDC) again about the proposed cycle path up Freston Hill and it appears that a lack of funding and a recently appointed SCC Highways contractor has resulted in no progress being made. In the meantime nothing further has been heard back from Carl Ashton at SCC. On a positive note, MH was able to report that following a chance meeting with our MP, James Cartlidge, he has now arranged an on-site meeting (Freston Hill) with our MP to discuss our proposals. CC will also be attending as will Calum Poole from SCC Highways. At the same time CC has written to County Councillor C Hudson about the need for a speed restriction along the Strand but had received a very unsatisfactory reply.

**Action:** *CC to contact County Councillor Hudson again and press him further to take an active interest in helping to reduce traffic speeds along the Strand.*

**Action:** *CC also to write to Wherstead Parish council about the same matter.*

**(b) Freston to Chelmondiston:** CC and RK have now met Oliver Westall from SCC (PROW) on site to discuss the upgrading of the Church Lane bridleway in Chelmondiston. He is keen to progress a scheme for its improvement and is going to prepare drawings, a specification and costings for the work. One of the County Council's nominated contractors would be able to undertake this work. In the meantime he advised that the SPCC should seek a CIL grant to provide additional funding for this project.

**Action:** *MC to submit an initial CIL funding application to BDC, which would be followed by a full application once costings had been received from SCC. These would be joint applications with SCC.*

**Action:** *CC to enquire with Oliver Westall what progress he is making with the drawings.*

**(c) Chelmondiston to Shotley:** MC reported that the planning application for housing on the north-western edge of Shotley Street has been refused. In the meantime an application has recently been submitted to BDC to amend the planning permission to redevelop the HMS Ganges site in Shotley Gate by increasing the proposed number of dwellings on the site. It was agreed that the SPCC should object to this.

**Action:** *MC to submit an objection to BDC in respect of this amended planning application for the former HMS Ganges site.*

**3. Southern Route:** MH reported that he had contacted the regional Sustrans office seeking their support with our efforts to promote the 'southern route' as a cycle route but has received a very dismissive reply.

**Action:** *MH to contact Sustrans again now that he has the name of the regional officer.*

**4. Planning Applications:** It was noted that the planning permission (and s.106 Agreement) for the 22 dwellings and associated cycle paths in Woolverstone has still not been issued by BDC.

**5. Lost Paths:** There has been no update from SCC about what progress is being made with the BHS application to upgrade the status of the Grove Lane/Warren Lane footpath.

**Action:** *CC to ask Oliver Wastell (SCC, PROW) if he can find out more about this application.*

**6. Publicity/Communications:**

**(a) Website:** GG is happy to develop the website now he has access to it.

**(b) Newsletter:** Nothing new to report; not proposed at the moment.

**(c) In Touch Magazine:** As above.

**(d) Shaun's Shorts:** As above.

**7. Treasurers Report:** There has been very little account activity since our last meeting and our bank account balance currently stands at £2873.96.

**8. Membership Report:** This still stands at 241.

**9. Minutes of the last meeting (20.07.23) & Matters Arising:** These were signed as a true record by the Chair. There were no matters arising that had not already been dealt with.

**10. AOB:** MH reported that his wife had seen a leaflet about cycle routes in Stutton in their community shop.

**Action:** *CC to ask Ali Goodwin if she knows anything about these routes.*

**11. Date of next meeting:** Either Wed 29 November or Wed 6 December (at 6.30pm).

**Action:** *MC to canvas those committee members not at the meeting and then confirm.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**