

Cross Parish Cycleways & Pathways Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Held: Thursday April 11th 2019

At: 18, High Street, Broom B50 4HJ

1. Attended:

Liam Maude, Chairman, Salford Priors Parish Council,
Joe Harvey, Vice Chairman, Bidford PC
Colin Tether, Hon. Secretary, Evesham Town Council
Gillian Smith, Harvington PC
Martin Philpott, Sustrans
Jack Fryer, Wixford Parish Council
Sue Robinson, Cleeve Prior PC
Ian Robinson, Cleeve Prior
Jon Buxton, Exhall PC
Mark Funnell, Norton and Lenchwick PC
Wendy Cope, Norton and Lenchwick PC,
Clive Bostle, Evesham Rambling Club
Ian Jones, North and Middle Littleton PC,

2. Apologies:

Robin Walker, Cycle Evesham Vale
Paul Freeman, Secretary Stratford Cycling Club
Ian Graham, Offenham Parish Council

3. Agree minutes from the last meeting held on 14th March 2019 and matters arising

Minutes agreed. All matters arising were covered in the main agenda

4. Bank Account

Joe Harvey reported that a Lloyds bank 'On Line for Business' account is now set up with Liam Maude, Colin Tether and Joe Harvey as the cheque signatories.

5. Funding Requests for Feasibility Study and appointment of Sustrans

Joe Harvey reported that he had written to the Parish and Town Clerks as detailed in the minutes of the 14th March meeting. Bidford had agreed to fund the study and Salford Priors were to discuss the following Wednesday. Most other parishes had responded saying the matter would be discussed in May with the new Councils. Ian and Sue Robinson said that the Cleeve Prior parish had felt the amount £1,500 suggested had been high taking into account that Evesham had only been asked for £3,000. However, Cleeve Prior felt that £1,500 may be acceptable if the study did include the feasibility of a link and a bridge to Cleeve Prior. This was confirmed by Martin Philpott. Ian Jones stated that there was potential for a good link from Cleeve Prior through the Littletons to Honeybourne station, and a section of a cycle route had just been installed.

Jack Fryer, Wixford said that for his parish £1,500 was a considerable sum. There were just 60 houses in the parish.

Joe Harvey said that for some smaller parishes, the parish should pay what it could afford and a smaller sum would be acceptable. Alternative sources of funding would be sought, including County Councillor Divisional Funds if still available, other parishes not yet requested for funding and local businesses including Boardman Bikes. **Action Joe Harvey**

Gillian Smith raised the matter of payment to the CPCP account. The parish may not be able to authorise this. Joe Harvey said he appreciated the problems and the necessity to avoid paying VAT. More advice would be sought on how the Sustrans study should be funded. **Action Joe Harvey**

6. Appointment of Sustrans

It was agreed that Sustrans would be appointed with a start date 5/5/2019. Martin Philpott confirmed that Sustrans would be happy with the arrangement and they would continue the study work as funding permitted. **Action Martin Philpott**

7. Approach to other parishes for involvement in project

Colin Tether reported he had emailed the parish clerks from the parishes along and adjoining the main spine route who had not been involved so far and it was good to see the response as some new parishes were at the meeting. He would also contact Church Lench parish.

Post meeting Note: Cllr Graham from Offenham had been unable to attend at the last moment. Offenham were interested in the prospect of a bridge over the Avon at the Bridge and Ferry PH site.

8. Involvement of Rambling Clubs.

Clive Bostle stated that any route needs to be off road as much as possible, and noted that the preliminary route shown on the maps produced by Colin Tether showed a road route between Harvington and Salford Priors. Clive stated that in his experience, Worcestershire County Council is very slow indeed in processing changes of legal status of footpaths and they have a very long backlog to deal with. Clive stated the problems associated with the progressing a shared route between Evesham town centre and The Valley, Evesham, which is expected to be paid for by Section 106 funding. It was agreed that Wychavon should be asked for an update on the progress of this link. **Action Colin Tether**

9. Links to Avon Navigation

Ian Robinson said that the Avon Trustees were in favour of a bridge. Ian had been looking at the route alongside Alan Caravans and contacted those involved with Sansfield Farms. **Action Ian Robinson**

9. Any Other Business

Joe Harvey confirmed Mark Cargill had been contacted.

10. Next Meetings

This has been booked for: **Broom Village Hall on Thursday 16th May at 7:00pm.**

Please note that the following meetings at Broom Village Hall have also been arranged (all Thursdays), so please put a note in your diary:

13th June, 18th July, 15th August (if needed)

Colin Tether, 18/4/2019