

Cross Parish Cycleways & Pathways Project (CPCPP) Meeting Minutes

Held: Thursday May 16th 2019

At: Broom Village Hall, Broom B50 4HJ

1. Attended:

Liam Maude, Chairman, Salford Priors Parish Council:

Joe Harvey, Vice Chairman:

Colin Tether, Hon. Secretary

Gillian Smith, Harvington Parish Council:

Martin Philpott, Sustrans:

Jack Fryer, Wixford Parish Council

Erick Wilson Alcester Town Council:

Keith Greenaway Alcester Town Council:

Paul Freeman, Stratford Cycle Club

Clive Bostle, Evesham Rambling Club

Ian Jones, North and Middle Littleton Parish Council

Ian Graham, Offenham Parish Council

2. Apologies:

Ian Robinson, Cleeve Prior Parish Council: irobinson773805@gmail.com

Sue Robinson, Cleeve Prior: sue.robinson333@gmail.com

Jon Buxton, Exhall Parish Council: TEB4&buxton@btinternet.com

Mark Funnell, Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council: mp.funnell@homecall.co.uk

3. Agree minutes from the last meeting held on 11th April 2019 and matters arising

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

4. Update on funding for feasibility study from parishes

Salford Priors: Liam Maude reported. £3,000 agreed. Parish Clerk has Power of Competence and agreed by WALC. Funds to be paid direct to Sustrans.

Bidford on Avon: Joe Harvey reported. £3,000 agreed. Funds to be paid to CPCPP account.

Evesham: Colin Tether reported. £1,500 agreed (subject to Council ratification) from Town Plan Committee Funds. Remaining £1,500 to be sought from Tourist Budget probably in June.

Offenham: Ian Graham. Matter has been discussed, now deferred to next meeting as further information was needed. Ian said that a bridge at The Bridge and Ferry PH had been discussed in the past and there had been opposition from local people. There would be a need for further consultation. Martin Philpott confirmed a bridge would be covered in the feasibility study. Ian said that he felt £1,000 would be a suitable contribution and would make that recommendation to the Parish Council.

Alcester: Keith Greenaway is on the Community Facilities Committee which meets before the end of May. Keith said that Alcester would need to have more information on the Sustrans Study. **Note**: The Sustrans Proposal Paper will be sent out with these minutes.

Harvington: Gillian Smith stated that Harvington had needed evidence of what other parishes were funding. The PC would consider again shortly. Gillian had contacted Bradley Thomas, Wychavon District member for Harvington who was in favour of the project.

Cleeve Prior: Paul Freeman said that £1,500 had been agreed with some conditions which appeared acceptable:

- A. The study must include a route to Cleeve Prior's Wharf.
- B. The study must include the feasibility of building a bridge at Cleeve Prior's Wharf.
- C. The Council is permitted a copy of the study.

Wixford: Jack Fryer said that £300 had been agreed.

Norton and Lenchwick: Mark Funnell was absent but had reported that it was intended to discuss the funding of the project shortly.

5. Other funding

Joe Harvey has written to the following parishes: Norton and Lenchwick, North and Middle Littleton, Offenham and Arrow with Weethley. No response as yet to the letters but discussions have taken place (see 4.)

Colin Tether has written to Anthony Hopkins, Worcestershire County Councillor covering north of Evesham and west of the river Avon, and to Alastair Adams, Worcestershire County Councillor covering parishes east of the river Avon informing them of the project and suggesting that funding may be made available from their Divisional Funds. No response as yet.

6. Financial arrangements for parishes to fund the study.

It was confirmed that parishes may choose to pay funds into the CPCPP or Sustrans are happy to invoice a parish if the parish is unable to fund CPCPP directly.

7. VAT - Approval to permit CPCPP to register for VAT

The proposal to register for VAT was approved unanimously

8. Sustrans Feasibility Study – Report on Progress

Martin Philpott said work was started and it was expected to be complete by the end of June 2019. Some of the route options had been examined including at the Evesham end, the possibility of bridges at Offenham and Cleeve Prior. Martin was particularly pleased with the good condition of the underpass under the A46 just north of Salford Priors. It appeared there were several challenges including at Wixford and crossing the A46 approaching Alcester. Contact had been made with the Avon Navigation Trust.

Martin confirmed the study would contain estimates of costs of scheme, indicative designs and details of land ownership.

Paul Freeman referred to Ian Robinson's report on routes approaching Cleeve Prior:

1. *I had a meeting with Derek Wilkinson, Managing Director of Sandfield Farms, owners of the old Worcester Meadows. He has no problem with the cycle route and the bridge, however he wishes to minimise traffic through his fields containing crops. . He wishes to be kept informed as a consultee, with more contact if we believe we need to physically cross his land.*
2. *I have been endeavouring to contact Allens Caravans but they are not responding. I am going to go another route, to see if I have more success.*

Ian Jones referred to the A46 and its unsuitability for cycling. He was assured that any proposal would avoid the road, although may run close beside it.

There was some discussion about Broom Station. It was agreed that if a development could somehow be incorporated into the CPCPP scheme this would be a good thing

Colin Tether reported on the problems with the route connecting Evesham to The Valley country park and retail centre which is set to be installed using Section 106 agreement funding. Colin had spent some time looking at possibilities and had compiled a report on the matter sent to Wychavon and Sustrans. Colin had asked Wychavon on progress and had received the following response:

'... that the project is difficult and challenging but there is now an opportunity it could move forward. Funding will be a challenge but Wychavon is very committed to the project and a successful Future High Street Fund would help deliver this and many other opportunities in the town.' See Post Meeting Note at the end of these minutes.

Colin and Clive Bostle were to walk the route with Shawn Riley, Wychavon on Friday 17th May.

9. Any other business

None

10. Next Meeting

This has been booked for: **Broom Village Hall on Thursday 13th June 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:

18th July, 15th August (if needed).

Joe Harvey asked the meeting if it was felt that Broom Village Hall was a suitable venue and the Thursday at 7:00pm was a good day and time? The cost is £20 for each meeting. This was agreed so Joe agreed to book the room for the rest of the year on a monthly basis.

End of meeting at 7:50pm.

Post Meeting Note – Evesham to The Valley

Colin Tether and Clive Bostle to walked the route with Shawn Riley, Wychavon on Friday 17th May. Shawn was able to explain many of the complexities of this particular section and hopefully the way forward. The proposed route runs along the river bank opposite the now closed Bridge and Ferry public house. Shawn said he was happy to meet with Martin to discuss the route between Evesham and Harvington. Shawn also drew attention to Wychavon's commitment to this project which is included as one of the authority's 'Promises':

NEW Work with partners to increase levels of cycling and walking by supporting the delivery of new routes in Evesham and the development of cycling and walking plans for Droitwich Spa and Pershore by 31 March 2021.

Colin Tether, 17/5/2019