

Cycleways & Pathways Meeting Minutes

Held: Wednesday 14th March 2019

At: Broom Village Hall

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,
Paul Freeman, Secretary Stratford Cycling Club
Sue Robinson, Cleeve Prior PC
Ian Robinson, Cleeve

2. Apologies:

Jack Fryer, Wixford Parish Council
Tony Shale, Salford Priors Parish Council
Robin Walker, Cycle Evesham Vale

3. Nomination of Treasurer:

Nobody present volunteered for this role. It was therefore agreed to approach Donna Bowles, Clerk to Salford Priors Parish Council. It was further agreed to take on additional duties, it might be to make some arrangement to compensate the Clerk. **Action Liam Maude**

4. Bank Account:

Agreed to set this up ASAP as funds may soon be ready to transfer. Donna Bowles is to be asked to set an account up. Cheque Signatures to be Liam, Joe and Colin. **Action Liam Maude**

5. Request for Parish Council – Monies to commission feasibility study. Targets for further funding.

It was agreed that the sums to be requested depend partly on the population of the parish involved. The following amounts were agreed:

Evesham, Alcester, Bidford, Salford Priors - £3,000 each

Cleeve Prior, Harvington, Wixford - £1,500 each

If all the councils agree to pay, this would provide £16,500 which is sufficient to fund the feasibility study and a little bit more as a buffer.

It was agreed Joe Harvey would amend the draft Business Funding paper, and that Liam Maude would arrange for this to be sent out in his name to the various clerks of the towns and parishes. **Action Joe Harvey and Liam Maude.**

6. Land Ownership Issues – Ragley Hall.

It was reported that Joe Harvey, Liam Maude and Martin Philpott had held a useful meeting with the CEO of Ragley Hall, Alan Granger. Ragley Hall is anxious to make the Hall attractive and accessible to visitors. **No further action until feasibility study is completed**

Ian Robinson mentioned Sansfield Farm which has land to the west of Cleeve Prior. He undertook to have initial discussion with the farm regarding a route. **Action: Ian Robinson**

7. Targets for further funding.

It was agreed that contact could be made to the following but at this stage but no actual request for funding until we know the response from the towns and parishes.

Stratford DC: Mark Cargill to be contacted. **Action Joe Harvey**

Wychavon DC: Colin Tether had discussed the matter with Phil Merrick, Wychavon Joint Head of Economy and Environment. He had said that there was no easily accessible fund at present but they may be prepared to help. Gillian Smith would discuss with Bradley Thomas who has taken over from Harvington DC member Charlie Homer. **Action Gillian Smith**

Cycle Groups and other voluntary groups: It was agreed these should not be approached for funding at this stage.

County Councillors: Cllr Anthony Hopkins may agree to grant some of his Divisional Fund when necessary. **Action: Gillian Smith.**

Other parishes: Arrow and Exhall were mentioned. It was stated that these are very small and would not be expected to contribute but should be made aware of the group and progress made. **Action Colin Tether**

Hon. Sec Note: Please see paper attached to these minutes showing parish areas and recommendations to contact some other parishes.

8. Opportunities for other routes

Liam Maude mentioned a Lenches Historic Sites and Walks initiative.

Sue Robinson mentioned the current enlargement of Blackminster School and the importance of ensuring there are good links to middle schools.

9. Any Other Business

Town Representative on the group. Colin Tether said that he was not standing as Town Councillor at the May elections, but was prepared to carry on as Hon. Sec to the group. He felt it was important that the Town Council appoint a separate member to the group. This was agreed and also applied to Alcester. It was further agreed that Colin should contact the Town Clerk to raise the matter for the April Town Council meeting so that the appointment could be made at the May meeting. Colin would also contact Tim Forman at Alcester to ask him to arrange that a member is appointed from Alcester. **Action: Colin Tether**

10. Next Meeting

Agreed to be at Broom Village Hall on Thursday 11th April at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Hon Sec Note: Parish Representation

I attach as a separate sheet a pdf map showing the various parish and town boundaries in the general area we are looking at.

It seems to me that we should notify the following of our group and project in addition to those already agreed.

Arrow with Weethly (already agreed). One option of the route may run through this parish.

Exhall (already agreed) One option of the route may run through this parish.

North and Middle Littleton: This parish is on east side from the bridge over the river Avon considered by Harvington PC.

Norton and Lenchwick. The current spine route proposal runs through this parish

Offenham: Proposals for an Avon bridge at the Bridge and Ferry Inn have been considered which is close to the proposed spine route.

Colin Tether
18/3/2019