

## Cross Parish Cycleways & Pathways Project (CPCPP) Meeting Minutes

**Held: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**At: Broom Village Hall, Broom B50 4HJ**

### **Attended:**

Liam Maude, Chairman, Salford Priors Parish Council  
 Joe Harvey, Vice Chairman  
 Colin Tether, Hon. Secretary  
 Daryl Bailey, Hon. Treasurer  
 Martin Philpott, Sustrans  
 Gillian Smith, Harvington Parish Council  
 Jack Fryer, Wixford Parish Council  
 Paul Freeman, Stratford Cycle Club  
 Ian Jones, North and Middle Littleton Parish Council  
 Mark Funnell, Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council  
 Robert Hale, Evesham Town Council  
 Ian Robinson, Cleeve Prior Parish Council  
 Clive Bostle, Evesham Rambling Club  
 Susan Juned, Alcester Town District Councillor  
 Robin Walker, Cycle Evesham Vale  
 Rick Evans, Offenham Parish Council

### **1. Apologies:**

Jon Buxton, Exhall Parish Council; Ian Graham, Offenham Parish Council

### **2. and 3. Agree minutes from the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and matters arising**

Please note that the meeting planned for 15<sup>th</sup> August was not held due to a number of people being away. Minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> July agreed.

### **4. Update on funding for feasibility study from parishes and elsewhere**

Alcester: In the absence of any representative from Alcester Parish Council it was still not known what contribution may be forthcoming. **Action: Joe Harvey to contact Town Clerk.**

Norton and Lenchwick: Mark Funnell reported that some funding had been agreed in principle, and the actual amount was to be decided at a forthcoming Parish meeting.

#### **Action: Mark Funnell**

Evesham: The remaining £1,500 was still to be agreed from the Tourism budget which met in September had not been agreed as there had been an unprecedented call for funds from other applicants. The Town Clerk had said that a contribution may be possible in the new financial year.

Stratford DC. It was reported that £3,000 had been agreed and thanks to Mark Cargill.

Wychavon DC. It was agreed that the District Council should be approached now the settlement from Stratford DC is known. **Action: Colin Tether**

Alastair Adams and Anthony Hopkins: Colin Tether reported he had heard no more from either County Councillor and he would contact them again. **Action: Colin Tether**

## 5. Report on meeting with Ragley Estate – and associated land matters

The recent meeting was attended by Alan Granger from the Ragley Estate, Joe Harvey & Daryl Bailey CPCPP and Martin Philpott, Sustrans. The outcome was as follows:

- A positive meeting, Alan Granger thought there could be benefits to the Ragley estate.
- The only real concern expressed was that nothing implemented should prevent moving agricultural machinery about.
- The Ragley Estate was the owner of a large amount of the land at the northern end of the spine route.
- Alan Granger would help CPCPP identify and contact nearby landowners.

At this meeting it was asked whether there could be a link to Ragley Hall. Martin said another bridge would be required.

Susan Juned commented that she is the Chair of the Alcester Heritage Trust. The Trust was trying to develop a tourist destination and history trail in Alcester around the Roman remains found in the area. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is also working in the area and wanting to develop 'Living Landscapes' with Walk and Cycle routes. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with the organisations to share ideas on the way forward. **Action: Susan Juned.**

It was agreed that further meetings would now be needed to be held with the other principal landowners such as Eagle One who own The Valley, Evesham site. With respect to the Valley, the establishment of the CPCPP route would increase footfall and reduce pressure on car parking. **Action: Colin Tether**

Ian Robinson said he had arranged a meeting with Allens Caravans for 23rd September. Martin Philpott would also attend.

## 6. Sustrans Draft Feasibility Study

Martin reported that he had updated the earlier draft report released to CPCPP officers in July. The report was divided into separate sections, and in many sections there were different options offered. Each section detailed risks and costs, but these did not include any land acquisition costs.

Martin mentioned the Bideford Greenway which was included without any detail in the Local Plan. He thought it may be along the old railway line from Broom, past Bidford towards Stratford and would be an ideal link to the CPCPP project. **Action: Susan Juned volunteered to check with Council officers**

## 7. Arrangements to share report with partners

The report would be sent out to all members of the CPCPP and some associated council officers and members, landowners & the Avon Navigation Trust in the week after the meeting.

***It was important that CPCPP members look at the report and let Martin know of anything that needs clarification, matters that may seem incorrect and opportunities which have not been explored. It would be helpful to receive comments by Friday 4th October.***

## 8. Next Steps

It was agreed that a Strategic Action Plan and Business Plan is needed. CPCPP officers will meet before the next meeting to put a draft plan together and this will be circulated a week before the October meeting.

**Post Meeting Note:** It has not proved possible to progress this quickly so it will be reported to the November meeting.

It was agreed that CPCPP should retain Sustrans to provide professional support.

Further funds would be required to support the further work needed.

Martin and CPCPP officers would be happy to talk to individual parish councils on the proposals.

## 9. Any other business

Joe Harvey proposed a vote of thanks to Martin for his excellent work on the project. This was agreed unanimously.

Colin Tether mentioned the forthcoming Greening Evesham Fayre on 26<sup>th</sup> October. He suggested that the CPCPP proposals could be displayed at that meeting. It was agreed that this may be possible subject to caution in displaying the proposals for the section which crossed the A46, north of Evesham. **Action: Martin to check with local Councils.**

Martin mentioned a funding opportunity, the National Lottery Horizon Award. It was agreed that CPCPP should register an 'Expression of Interest' which needed to be submitted by mid October. **Action: Liam Maude and CPCPP officers**

## 10. Next Meeting

**PLEASE NOTE: Your officers have decided that it would be best to cancel the October meeting as there is a need to progress the Draft Strategic Action Plan during the next few weeks and report that to the next meeting. Therefore the next meeting will be:**

**Broom Village Hall on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Please note that the December meeting will be at Broom Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

End of meeting at 8:15pm.

Colin Tether, Hon. Secretary 24/9/2019