

Cross Parish Cycle and Pathways Project: General Meeting

**7:30pm, Thursday 13th February 2020 at Dunnington Baptist Church
Alcester B49 5NX**

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Joe Harvey, Chairman
Liam Maude, Salford Priors Parish Council – Vice Chairman
Colin Tether, Hon. Secretary
Daryl Bailey, Hon. Treasurer
Gillian Smith, Harvington Parish Council
Jason Peach, Harvington resident
Jack Fryer, Wixford Parish Council
Ian Jones, North and Middle Littleton Parish Council
Robert Hale, Evesham Town Council
Clive Bostle, Evesham Rambling Club
Ian Graham, Offenham Parish Council
Erick Wilson, Alcester Town Council
Alan Saunders, Evesham Rambling Club
Mike Bone, Alcester Town Council
Susan Juned, Stratford on Avon District Council
Robin Walker, Cycle Evesham Vale
Mark Funnell, Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council
Paul Freeman, Stratford Cycle Club and Cleeve Prior resident

1. Apologies for absence: Ian Robinson and Martin Philpott

2. Approval of Minutes from General Meeting, 9th January 2020. Correction: Jason Peach is a resident of Harvington, but not a Parish Council member. With this correction the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Ian Jones mentioned he had attended the Worcestershire County Council budget meeting and raised the subject of the CPCPP. Michael Hudson, Chief Financial Officer seemed to be interested in the project under health and wellbeing as a high priority. Ian thought it was worth contacting him to see if we can get money diverted to this project. **Action: Joe Harvey**

Liam Maude said that £5,000 had been ring fenced for cycle projects within the Salford Priors parish. The CIL funding could only be used for capital infrastructure projects. **Action: Liam Maude**

Clive Bostle said that it was important to contact the following Worcestershire county Council officers and the Secretary undertook to obtain the contact details. **Action: Colin Tether**

Phil Coulson: Rights of way
Phil Goddard: Active Travel Corridors

Heart of England Forest: To be contacted. **Action: Joe Harvey**

Prince Henry High School: The Secretary had contacted the school. A meeting was agreed in principle. **Action: Colin Tether**

4. Adoption of Strategy Report

Joe introduced the report by outlining the key elements contained within it.

1. The length of the routes covered in the feasibility study and the broad ambition of the project has meant that we need to split the overall route into shorter sections required at this stage. Some elements of our proposals require a significant amount of time and money to achieve. Work on these elements will continue however we need to focus on delivering tangible results during the next twelve months. These 'results' will not necessarily be in laying the hard-core or building bridges but rather completing the development of the permissions and partnerships needed before construction can start.
2. There are two preferred routes recommended to be prioritised during the course of 2020 which offer the best, most immediate and most economically viable chances of success.
3. The actions required to realise the creation of those routes are:
 - Firm agreements with landowners on our proposals.
 - Planning consents for construction work or change of use consents with the statutory bodies across which our routes run.
 - Grant applications as very substantial amounts of money will be required for both professional guidance and construction of the routes.

The need for funding for professional support is our priority. We will pursue this funding with local, political and national bodies as detailed in the report
The recent meeting with Alan Grainger, Ragley Estates had been encouraging.

Joe concluded by saying that these projects do take time as shown by the experience of a similar project named Egrets Way in Sussex. It was also clear that that both locally and nationally there would be additional funding for the development of pathways and cycleways and it was important to continue to request various bodies for funding.

Susan Juned said contacts to be made were Tony Perkins and Olly Scholefield from Stratford District Council. **Action: Officers**

Erick Wilson said the CPCPP need comprehensive lists of specific targets for funding. The report needs to be sophisticated and informative to attract funding providers.

Jack Fryer thought the Strategy Document was a good document. However, he was not in favour of promoting the route through Wixford village due to traffic flow.

Clive Bostle: If a route is unsuitable for cyclists it is also unsuitable for walkers. The group needs a Warwickshire walking representative; there is a Stratford on Avon Rambling Club. **Action: Colin Tether**

Robin Walker stated that the recent Worcestershire policy was to install sections of route where possible, not to wait until the whole route is possible.

The Strategy Document was adopted.

5. Charitable Status.

Daryl Bailey explained the benefits of seeking charitable status. The best arrangement would be as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This would take a few months to achieve but seemed quite straightforward. Charitable status would make it easier to apply for grants. It was agreed to go ahead.

Action: Daryl Bailey

6. Further Funding Sources being pursued

The officers had been active at looking closely at possible sources, but so far the funds to be allocated were only for capital, not for services. Efforts would continue.

Action: Officers

7. Report of officers meetings since 9th January

Meetings with Susan Juned on 6/2/2020 and Alan Grainger, Ragley Estates on 7/2/2020.

The officers had also met 16/1/2020 and 4/2/2020.

8. Proposal to change the name of the CPCPP

Joe Harvey said that the CPCPP needed a new name to better show what the project was about. Joe suggested a competition with a bottle of wine for the winning entry. This was agreed. **Action: Joe Harvey**

9. Any Other Business

Ian Jones: What surface would the pathway have? Response: Too early to decide.

Paul Freeman: Has there been any media attention? Response: No we have not sought any media attention so far.

Robert Hale: Cycleway in Corporation Meadow, Evesham has been recently completed. There was an opportunity to link to this to the CPCPP route and circular routes. Response Noted and action taken when appropriate.

Jason Peach: There is an opportunity to create an App to attract people to the route. This would have details of ecology, old churches etc. Jason agreed to set out ideas in detail. **Action: Jason Peach**

Alcester: CPCPP needs to meet up with parish council to discuss the way forward.

Action: Officers and Alcester Members.

10. The meeting closed at 8.15pm and the next meeting is at the Broom Village Hall, Thursday 12th March 2020.

Further meetings booked for the second Thursday of each month, all at Broom Village Hall.

Colin Tether
Hon. Secretary
19/2/2020