

Cross Parish Cycleways & Pathways Project (CPCPP) Meeting Minutes

Held: Thursday 13th June 2019

At: Broom Village Hall, Broom B50 4HJ

Attended:

Liam Maude, Chairman, Salford Priors Parish Council
 Colin Tether, Hon. Secretary
 Gillian Smith, Harvington Parish Council
 Martin Philpott, Sustrans
 Keith Greenaway, Alcester Town Council
 Ian Jones, North and Middle Littleton Parish Council
 Ian Graham, Offenham Parish Council
 Mark Funnell, Norton and Lenchwick Parish Council
 Jon Buxton, Exhall Parish Council
 Robert Hale, Evesham Town Council

1. Apologies:

Ian Robinson, Cleeve Prior Parish Council
 Joe Harvey, Vice Chairman
 Paul Freeman, Stratford Cycle Club
 Clive Bostle, Evesham Rambling Club
 Robin Walker, Cycle Evesham Vale

2. and 3. Agree minutes from the last meeting held on 16th May 2019 and matters arising
 Minutes agreed. All matters arising were covered in the main agenda

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

Bidford on Avon: The £3,000 already agreed had now been paid into the CPCPP account.

Offenham: Ian Graham reported £700 had been agreed by the Parish Council.

Harvington: Gillian Smith reported that £1,500 had been agreed subject to the following conditions: a) the Council are invoiced directly by Sustrans.

b) the report includes a feasibility study for a bridge crossing at the bottom of Anchor Lane.

Alcester: Keith Greenaway reported that the matter was to be discussed at Community Facilities Committee meeting which was to meet on 18/6/2019.

Norton and Lenchwick: Mark Funnell reported the matter was to be discussed on 4/7/2019.

North and Middle Littleton: Ian Jones reported that due to Council vacancies the matter had not yet been discussed.

Exhall: John Buxton reported that due to Council vacancies the matter had not yet been discussed.

Evesham: Colin Tether reported that £1,500 from the Town Plan budget had been ratified. The remaining £1,500 was still to be agreed from the Tourism budget.

Other funding: Colin Tether said that he had heard from Cllr Alastair Adams who seemed supportive. However, no commitment for funding had yet been received.

In total, together with commitments from Cleeve Prior (£1,500), Salford Priors (£3,000), Wixford (£300) and Bidford (£3,000) reported at the last meeting, the total committed was now £11,500. Sustrans would invoice the Parishes accordingly.

5. Sustrans – Interim report on progress with feasibility study

Martin Philpott said that he and his team had walked the whole route and considered that the provision of spine route and suitable branches was entirely feasible. There were certainly challenges, but in each case alternative options were being considered.

Martin said he had a very positive meeting with Worcestershire officers. He had not yet met Warwickshire as they were undergoing a restructuring exercise, but hoped to make contact shortly. He would be meeting Avon Navigation in July. The presence of The Valley, Evesham retail park very close to the route made the provision of a bridge over the river Avon more desirable.

Martin said he would include at least four river bridges in the study: at Offenham, by the Bridge and Ferry and at the Fish and Anchor, at Cleeve Prior and lastly near Broom, probably on the site of the old railway bridge across the river Arrow which would provide a link to Bidford upon Avon. Other bridges may be considered closer to Alcester. Costs of bridges varied according to span, design, foundations etc. but can be in the region of £300,000 to £500,000. The cost of a bridge over the river Arrow may be less than one over the river Avon as the former is not a navigable river and therefore limited headroom is acceptable.

Martin said the ambition would be to ensure most of the route would be off road. Where a road had to be used, most probably the adjacent footway would be utilised, widened as appropriate.

6. Status report on VAT registration

Colin Tether said he had made little progress partly because he did not really understand the process. Help will be gratefully accepted. Assistance will be sought from Wychavon District Council and WALC. It may be possible that CPCPP could become a Community Infrastructure Company (CIC) or adopt some other structure.

7. CPCPP Minutes on Bidford on Avon Parish Council website

Post meeting note: The minutes from all the meetings are now shown on the website. Contact details are removed from the names of those attending the meeting. Thanks are due to the Parish Clerk for providing space for the minutes and uploading them.

8 Email distribution to be bcc (blind copies) or not

It was agreed that email contact details could still be included on the minutes circulated to members of the group.

9. Any other business

Circular Routes: It was agreed that the focus of the CPCPP should continue to be on the main spine route and branches to villages on the east side of the Avon and Arrow. However, it was noted that circular routes may be possible, joining up with the Greenway and possibly pursuing a route from Broom to Stratford on Avon along the route of the old railway line between the two places. It may also be possible to reach Broadway along another old railway line. It was also noted that the main NCN 41 and 442 route had now reached Badsey from

Honeybourne and that a local route had been signposted along roads between Honeybourne and North Littleton.

GDPR: Colin Tether agreed to add a footer to email messages whist sending out minutes etc, to ensure compliance with GDPR regulations.

Venue of future meeting. Colin Tether reported that Joe Harvey had booked Broom Village hall on a monthly basis for the rest of the calendar year. Liam Maude suggested there may be occasions when we want to change the venue.

10. Next Meeting

This has been booked for: **Broom Village Hall on Thursday 18th July 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), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December.

End of meeting at 8:15pm.

Colin Tether, 14/6/2019