

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL SAFETY GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2021

Present: Paul Webb (Chair), Robin Dyos, Helen McMenamin-Smith, Gill Miller, Jim Perry, Geraldine Tate, Brenda Wilson. Also, present John Smith, Burwell Bike Club.

S/160321/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests

An apology for absence was received from Lea Dodds

Declaration of interests on cycling matters were received from Paul Webb and Jim Perry.

S/160321/02 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2021 were approved.

S/160321/03 Consideration and updates to the Action Sheet

Burwell to Exning Cycleway

A meeting had taken place with Claire Dixon, Suffolk County Council who had reported that all costings totalling just under £450K including a 12% contingency, have now been received. This is less than originally estimate. The preferred side is the South and the cycleway will be created as a Highways Scheme. Liaison still needs to take with Micham's regarding the creation of a bridleway around the bridge. This will hopefully start in the next couple of weeks. Discussions need to take place with principal authorities regarding advanced funding to enable the legal procedure to commence for the creation of the bridleway. A zebra crossing will need to be installed on the Burwell side. Suffolk County Council (SCC) now need to check that Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) is still willing for SCC to act on their behalf for the creation of the cycleway. The planning application for the Exning development has been submitted in the last week or two. Persimmons (Exning developers) aware that the Section 106 Agreement for the development will include the provision of the cycleway. Newmarket Road Development funding available through Section 106 Agreement on occupation of first property.

It is unlikely at this stage that the cycleway will have solar lighting installed. Once the bridleway around the bridge (will be left as grass until such time as the rest of the cycleway is constructed) has legally been established, it will be possible to use as an alternative route to going over the bridge.

A further catch-up meeting to be organised for July 2021.

A142/A14 Junction – Lucy Frazer MP

Waiting to find out from Lucy Frazer if further funding is likely to be available where major changes to this junction could be considered.

S/160321/04 Cycleways within Burwell (Burwell Bike Club Proposals, Cycleway opportunities/difficulties, involvement of Highways)

Paul Webb explained that following the presentation by John Smith on behalf of the Burwell Bike Club at the November 2020 meeting, this item had been included on the agenda to discuss in outline the opportunities for the way forward and at what stage the village and Highways should be involved. Within the village, the overall concern is safety, along with concerns about the shared use of footpaths with pedestrians and disjointed cycleways.

John Smith expressed that he felt that the main concern to be addressed was getting in and out of the village along the three main entry roads of the village. The High Street is not cycle friendly. When asked, Group members agreed that there was not a big problem within the village. It was suggested that it would be safer for cyclists if there was a one-way system around North Street and Silver Street, but this was not a favourable option when the Traffic Survey was held in 2018. Highways also feel that one-way streets tend to increase vehicle speed. Having a designated route for cyclist around the village

avoiding the main roads would be difficult to establish and most residents who cycle have probably created their own routes already. Moving the bollard outside the Gardiner Memorial Hall may make this section of the High Street safer as the bollard causes a pinch point. Outside the Fox Public House is also an issue with the pinch point. John Smith suggested that removing the dual use path signs in the village could be beneficial. The locations of the signs to be sought and the option of removal to be investigated and discussed at a future meeting prior to making a possible recommendation to Full Council.

It was agreed that the Group should focus on the cycleways connecting Burwell with other villages. Whilst it would be good to have a route through the village, having consider the matter, it is not a feasible option.

S/160321/05 Burwell connected cycleways

1. Burwell to Exning Cycleway update

Update received earlier in the meeting

2. Link to Anglesey Abbey/Cambridge – working with other Parish Councils, CCC, Government initiatives and Burwell to New Soham Station Cycleway

The Group agreed that extending the Cambridge to Anglesey Abbey cycleway through to Burwell would be good. Discussion with other parishes along the route and John Stanley at Cambridgeshire County Council would be useful to see what is already being done and if any funding is available in the first instance. The County and District Councillors should be included in any discussions.

Access from Burwell by cycle or some form of public transport to the new Soham Railway Station, due to open in Spring 2022 would be useful.

S/160321/06 MVAS and Speed Watch Updates

All three MVAS Signs are now operational. There is a movement plan for the units prepared up to February 2022. The batteries have all be changed today.

John Smith left the meeting. Data acquired from the units and when Speedwatch recommences to be analysed and considered by the group prior to making a proposal to Full Council for the results to be made available on the website.

Speedwatch to restart once Covid-19 restrictions allow.

S/160321/07 Any other business

A letter had been received from a young resident regarding possible solutions for making roads safer for cats. The Clerk to respond to the letter and forward the letter on to Lucy Frazer MP.

Contact had been made with Highways regarding repainting the Zebra Crossing opposite the Post Office and a letter requesting the hedge to be cut to the occupier of the neighbouring property.

Paul Webb had spoken to a resident in the High Street regarding traffic noise levels and advised that the resident should contact the County Council or Highways regarding the matter.

Robin Dyos reported that the presentations for the LHI scheme for 21/22 had taken place and that results will be out later in June.

The 22/23 application needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Connected Cycleway should be added to the Action Update Sheet.

S/160321/08 Date of the next meeting 18th May 2021 To be confirmed

Liz Swift and Geraldine Tate gave their apologies if the next meeting is held on 18th May 2021

The Safety Campaign will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Paul Webb and Yvonne Rix to prepare a two-page update/recap document for the meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.52 pm.

Signed

Dated