

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Working Group,

5th April 2023

MINUTES

Present

Cllr J Saunders (Chair)
Adrian Oliver
Adrian Berendt

Cllr Thomas
Oliver Dann
Natalie Earl

Chris Wright
Alastair Gould
Miranda Palmer

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Reynolds and Tim Stonor.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the LCWIP Working Group dated 7th December 2022 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Town to Parishes Final Report

AB introduced the report and noted two points: generic solutions – lower speeds and reducing traffic on rural roads; location specific solutions – level crossings, narrowing of roads, cycling and walking infrastructure. It was agreed that it was up to the parishes if they want to do anything and include on their HIPs, but the routes needed to go into the KCC LCWIP. There would be a logic in including Oare in the Faversham LCWIP, providing Oare parish is happy as the village is so close to Faversham.

JS thanked AB for the thorough report. It was agreed that this should be sent out to parishes for comment and then go to the JTB and the Eastern Area Committee for approval.

AO suggested the new KCC PROW officer should be invited to join the group and would provide the contact details in due course.

AG asked how the report could be integrated into planning, such as the Love Lane application. AO confirmed that he had started to be consulted on some applications, although it was not happening automatically he hoped the system would improve. AO noted that it was a random process and that he needed to be engaging with developers at pre-app meetings.

NE said the LCWIP needed to be embedded into the Faversham NHP and the Swale LP, however they are only in draft form and hold limited weight at the current time. JS suggested that SBC need to be saying the LCWIP should be part of the NHP. It was agreed to speak to Hannah Barter.

AO explained the legal process to change footpaths to bridleways was complicated.

The group proposed the following:

- a. Accept the report and pass to the Active Travel Committee
- b. Co-opt the KCC PROW officer onto the group
- c. Forward the report to the parishes and then the Eastern Area Committee

6. Active Travel Funding Tranche 4

Item deferred to next meeting.

7. Date of the first meeting of the Active Travel Expert Group

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 9am via Teams.