

RNP -- COMMUNITY PROJECTS—CYCLING/FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the RNP -- **COMMUNITY PROJECTS—CYCLING/FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY** held at 2:00pm on 26 February 2024, in the Radlett Centre, 1 Aldenham Avenue, RADLETT.

Present: E Samuelson (Chairman), A Cole, J Whiting, L Selby, D Lambert & D Hougie.

Officer: P Evans (Council Manager).

1. Apologies for absence.

All members were present.

2. Agree minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023.

These were agreed and signed by E Samuelson as a true record of what was discussed.

3. Updates on actions from previous meeting.

- A Cole has forwarded photos to Council Manager clearly showing where footpaths A31 & A32 are joined by a separate (well walked footpath). He was asked why APC were waiting before applying for the footpath which was explained. A Cole was asked to start compiling the evidence that this footpath has been used without interruption for some time as there is a back-log of applications for footpath designation at HertsCC.
- County Cllr C Clapper had been asked to attend this meeting, but she was unable to, but had sent a report that the footpaths mentioned in the last meetings minutes had been brought to the attention of HertsCC.
- Cllr L. Selby has spoken to the Planning Officer re Medburn Farm to see why a Sec.106 agreement had not been implemented, this planning application is on-going.
- J Whiting has placed an article in Around Radlett an article regarding bridleways that people can officially use to cycle on, and the difference between a designated footpath and bridleway, so that the public were more aware.

4. General Discussion

It was suggested that the article written by John Whiting is also put on social media. There was further discussion regarding cyclists and it was suggested that better signage may help.

There was also a discussion regarding the RS&GBA footpath map for Aldenham Parish which is now nearly thirteen years old. In general, though it was agreed that the map is sound with some minor alterations.

The footpaths around Harper Lane and connecting to The Warren, with many feeling that a more direct connection would be preferable.

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The working party then looked at the routes suggest for cycling/walking within the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan. It was surprising that Herts ROW had not investigated these bearing in mind that this was part of their feedback when the RNP went out to consultation.

One of these routes is Shenley Hill, and it was suggested that the Council Manager contacts Herts Highways to ask them to remove the hedges and scrub encroaching on the footpath making walking/cycling difficult. It was also questioned as to why anyone walking that route between Radlett and Shenley has to cross the road at a very dangerous bend.

There was also a discussion regarding possible sites for the 'Beryl Bikes' should the project be rolled out to Radlett. Sites suggested were corner of Craigweil/Theobalds St, Radlett Station, Phillimore Rec.

As there is currently an initiative called 'Local cycling and walking infrastructure plans' (LCWIPs) in Hertfordshire, it was suggested that a member of the group is invited to the next meeting.

5. Next meeting.

P Evans will circulate dates for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.10pm

ChairmanDate