

## **BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING 22.01 HELD ON 3 JAN 2022**

**1. Attendees:**

- Charles Cockburn (CC)
- Ian Gibson (IG)
- Graham Webb (GW)
- Malcolm Ward-Close (MWC)

**2. Apologies for absence:** None

**3. Approve minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes 21.12 for 30 Nov 2021 were approved.

**4. Declaration of interest:** (in accordance with the National Association of Local Councils Model Code of Conduct adopted July 2018) Councillors and Working Group members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.  
No interests were declarable.

**5. EHDC Strategic CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Fund**

ACTION GW. Contact Ian Janes, HH, to discuss:

- BPC intend to apply to EHDC for CIL funding for a walking and cycling route from the junction of Medstead Road with the A339 to the main Bushy Leaze entrance and car park, with the object of improving the connectivity of new developments on the western edge of Alton to the existing civic amenities in Beech, such as the Village Hall, Village Green and children's playground, Bushy Leaze Wood, Ackender Wood and beyond.
- The proposal will be for an all-weather upgrade of the existing off-road footway from the A339 and for new on-road and off-road footways through the village centre and onwards to the Bushy Leaze main entrance.
- What can HCC do to support BPC in its application for CIL funding?
- What standards of design and construction will apply?
- Can HH take over and fund design process of pathways?
- Can HHCV take responsibility for project managing design and construction?
- Can HCC provide any funding or support in kind e.g. technical support and planning, to match with CIL funds?

- Will HCC adopt pathways after construction and take responsibility for maintenance in perpetuity? Will HCC make a statement to that effect and agree that it forms part of our application for this CIL funding?

Ask for an immediate site meeting with appropriate HH engineer or project manager to review the first part of the Beech footpath plan to be submitted to EHDC CIL fund and determine HH requirements regarding construction materials, design standards, location and route of on-road and off-road footpaths, including left or right side location and possible pedestrian crossing points.

## **6. Route/layout refinement for whole footway project**

ACTION IG with others

- Complete Route survey
- Record and tabulate all information.
- Progress approval process with HH.

## **7. Design & construction refinement**

ACTION IG with help from others as required.

- In consultation with HH produce route and construction plans for the Beech Footway Project.

ACTIONS carried over from last meeting:

- Consult cyclists and horse riders about kerbed on-road footways (and off-road footway surfaces). TBD at next meeting
- Investigate surface materials for on-road footways, and costs per metre – DONE. Compile summary of surfacing options with costs. ACTION MWC
- Investigate surface materials for off-road footways, and costs per metre (including mechanisms for bridging drainage grips). ACTION MWC (requires discussion at next meeting)

## **8. Date of next meeting: TBD**

Malcolm Ward-Close 5 Jan 2022