

Minutes of the Cycling & Pedestrian Working Party held on 16 June 2010 in the Old Abbey House, Abingdon.

Present:

Cllr Angela Lawrence

Cllr Alastair Fear

Cllr Lesley Legge

Cllr Julie Mayhew-Archer - Vice Chair & AbITS Representative

Cllr Martin Smith - Planning & Highways Representative

Cllr Colin Walters - Chair

In Attendance

Mrs Sandra Hill - Deputy Town Clerk

1 **Election of Chair**

Resolved that Cllr Colin Walters be elected Chair of the Cycling & Pedestrian Working Party for the council year 2010/11.

2 **Election of Vice Chair**

Resolved that Cllr Julie Mayhew-Archer be elected Vice Chair of the Cycling & Pedestrian Working Party for the council year 2010/11.

3 **Co-option of Committee Members**

(i) **Resolved** that the Planning & Highways representative was a full member of the Committee.

(ii) **Resolved** that the Council's AbITS Representative was a full member of the Committee.

(iii) **Resolved** that Mr Martin Wilson, Sustrans Representative, be elected as a co-opted member of the Cycling & Pedestrian Working Party.

4 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor of Abingdon, Cllr Duncan Brown and the Sustrans Representative, Mr Martin Wilson.

5 **Declarations of Interests**

Cllrs Angela Lawrence and Julie Mayhew-Archer declared personal interests in any matters relating to the Vale of White Horse District Council, as they are Members of that Authority.

6 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the Cycling & Pedestrian Working Party held on 31 March 2010 be signed as a true and correct record.

7 **Matters Arising**

Mapping of drop kerbs in Abingdon by Mr Moon.

Resolved that the Deputy Town Clerk would make contact with Mr Moon.

Stratton Way Cycle Stands.

Resolved that costs should be compared between the old butterfly stands and the new Sheffield stands.

Cycle Lane on Stratton Way

It was reported that the Stratton Way cycle lane is finished, although it does not continue between the lights and Bath Street.

Resolved that Oxfordshire County Council should be approached to find out why there is a gap between the pedestrian lights and Bath Street.

Maintenance of Cycle Ways

The Chair reported that Andy Warren, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) representative, stated that householders were encouraged to remove foliage, but the Town Council should keep a record when they report obstructed cycle ways to OCC.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that there was not enough space in the Summer Town Crier for an article on the obstruction of cycle ways, but this would be reviewed for the Autumn Town Crier.

East St Helen Street Contra-Flow Consultation

The Chair reported that the officer's report which was presented to OCC Informal Cabinet recommended that the contra-flow be rejected.

The Working Party relayed their concerns over the safety of cyclists having to negotiate town centre traffic, especially the lack of cycle lanes in High Street and Stert Street.

Resolved that a copy of the report should be obtained from OCC with a view that Abingdon Town Council should dispute the decision. A copy of the report should also be sent to Sustrans in order for them to assist the Town Council in disputing OCC's decision.

Resolved that Cllr Lesley Legge would relay the concerns of the Working Party at the next AbITS meeting in July 2010.

Abingdon Cycle Map

The Chair reported that OCC is no longer able to fund £2,000 towards the costs of a new Town Cycle Map. The Deputy Town Clerk suggested that this could be incorporated into the new Official Street Map.

Resolved that the Chair should outline cycle routes in Abingdon, and liaise with the Deputy Town Clerk for insertion into the Official Street Map.

8 **Review of Action/Requirement List**

The Chair reported that he would compile a list of requirements and actions as an ongoing record for the Working Party.

Action/Requirement List currently stands as:

- Cycle Lane from Station Yard to Precinct
- Special Share Lanes, plus special surfaces to discourage anti-social cycling
- Cycle notices: Lanes Merge and End of Cycle Lane
- Overgrowth onto footpaths and cycle paths.

Resolved that the working party considered and noted the Action/Requirement List.

9 **Cycling and pedestrian-related matters**

There were no matters to consider.

Cllr Angela Lawrence left the meeting at 3.57pm

10 **Date of Futures Meetings**

The agreed dates for 2010 are:

Wednesday 8 September at 10.30 am

Wednesday 8 December at 10.30 am

Resolved that the dates for 2011 are:

Wednesday 9 March 2011 at 10.30 am

Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 10.30 am

Wednesday 7 September 2011 at 10.30 am

Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 10.30 am

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 4.10pm