

MEETING NOTES of TRANSPORT AND PARKING WORKING GROUP MEETING :

Tuesday 5th December 2023; 1pm

Working Group Members:- JH, PH, AD, RH, JBorda

(SP by invitation)

Attendees: JH, PH, SP, Clerk

1. Apologies – RH, JBorda
2. Bus Service Improvement Plan – consultation response by NTC (main agenda item)

1: Newmarket to Bury St Edmunds via Kentford route

Kentford PC has submitted a bid for a bus to take over from the previous Stagecoach service – NTC could support this.

ACTION: PH to send to CLERK (received)

Matters for consideration would be frequency, cost of alternatives, inconvenience of locations, parking costs, hazards for disabled people. What would the proportion of reimbursement be by SCC to bus companies for bus passes?

It is believed that Kennett passengers are using the trains more.

2: Newmarket Circular route

This to include key locations.

The Newmarket Rail Station to Bury service was recently withdrawn.

The service could be a mini-bus and could be linked to an APP for tracking by passengers.

Schoolchildren from Hatchfield and Studlands going to Laureate and Academy.

Could the Voluntary Network be involved? / Taxis be utilised?

3: Sunday services

All existing routes to include a Sunday Service.

WSC has a Transport Sub-Group. SP could forward NTC submission to it for information.

What happens after funding is exhausted? We understand that the current Stephenson's contract expires in April 2024.

ACTION: CLERK to arrange a meeting between Voluntary Network and Stephenson's.

Contacts at SCC Simon Barnett and Robert Kemp

Contact at Voluntary Network Caroline Robinson

3. Other matters for the working group – for planning for future meetings:-

a. Cycling

- i. High Street / Route 51 / signage
The Sustrans map to be checked for the route 51
SCC should be responsible for the signage, surfaces and clarity of markings
Police/PCSO presence to target offenders
- ii. Shared cyclist / pedestrian footways – this is an agenda item on 8/1/2024 DP
Awareness Campaign: Cycling Day (could local bike clubs help?)
Contact Academy and Horse Racing industry

b. *Parking on Exning Road verges – progress with resolution*

An appeal was made and accepted regarding the SCC licence refusal decision.

c. *Resident's Parking Zone (RPZ)*

ACTION: JH to contact Darren Dixon (WSC) to further discuss the way forward

Darren Dixon WSC conversation regarding the £18K underwriting – now looking at alternative schemes to absorb the costs. The August consultation results still need reviewing to see what improvements may be made to the area.

d. *Walking to school safely – Exning Road*

A member of the public contacted NTC regarding dangers on the route from Studlands/Brickfield to Laureate School and future issues once Hatchfield homes come online

This area's pedestrian infrastructure will likely be addressed in due course should the Pinewood development happen.

In the meantime, an alternative walking route which would incorporate using the Jockey's Path PROW will be suggested.

Progression of discussions regarding Allied ROW with WSC.

4. AOB

None – meeting close 3pm.