

DPC Timeline from Minutes on A427 Footpath

<p>Nov 2022 Minute 1316</p>	<p>Cllr Dudson informed the Council that he had met with NNC Highways engineer Ian Boyes on 17th October to discuss the proposed cycle route from Dingley to the A6 roundabout. He advised that plans were hopefully being prepared for Phase 1 of the footpath and the entry/exit at A6 end. A funding request will be submitted subject to the continuation of the Network Improvement Budget in 2023/24. A contact had been provided for questions on legal issues such as permissive rights, which will need to be resolved. A request is being made to the relevant landowner to gain access into the necessary field to connect the paths. Groundwork UK has been contacted to assist with grants etc. The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Dudson for all his work with this.</p>
<p>Feb 2023 Minute 1329</p>	<p>Cllr Dudson informed the Council that the next step, as part of the process to bid for funding, is to prove a need for the proposed cycle path down to Market Harborough. The Council discussed the best formal platform to carry out the survey of Dingley residents. The Clerk will contact NCALC to see if they can assist with this.</p>
<p>Mar 2023 Minute 1343</p>	<p>There was no further progress with this at present. The Clerk will ask NCALC to set up the survey to establish need and potential users of the cycle path.</p>
<p>Apr 2023 Minute 1356</p>	<p>It was noted that the cycle/footpath survey was now underway with numbers being collated at the end of May. It was hoped that this project would meet the criteria for the new Rural Prosperity Fund.</p>
<p>Jun 2023 Minute 1373</p>	<p>Cllr Dudson provided an update on the cycle/footpath survey which evidenced a significant number of potential users from the village. Cllr Dudson explained that the next step would be to look at all the available funding, both he and Cllr L Jones will co-ordinate this. A discussion took place on the possible need to raise any match funding required through loans to the Council. This would need a separate consultation with residents.</p>
<p>Sep 2023 Minute 1386</p>	<p>Cllr Dudson provided an update on the current fund-raising activity for the cycle/footpath. Applications have gone to National Lottery Community and Heritage Funds and to NNC Rural Prosperity Fund and Community Grants. The next avenue to pursue is through Grantscape. Further discussions took place on the possible need to raise any match funding required in terms of donations or loans to the Council. Cllr Dudson advised that he will follow up with NNC Ian Boyes on whether there has been any decision on funding for the first part of the pathway which would need to be carried out by the Highways authority.</p>

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<p>Nov 2023 Minute 1399</p>	<p>Council was very pleased to note that the application to the NNC Rural Prosperity Fund for £15,000 towards the cycle path had been successful. The necessary paperwork for the release of funds was duly completed and signed and will be returned to NNC.</p> <p>Cllr Dudson provided an update on further fund-raising activity for the cycle/footpath, circulating a list of companies that had been approached by both he and Cllr L Jones and the subsequent responses received. He asked that Councillors consider any other avenues or companies that could be approached. The Council commended Cllrs Dudson and L Jones for all their work so far with this.</p>
<p>Feb 2024 Minute 1412</p>	<p>Safe Cycle Path – Cllr Dudson provided an update on further fund-raising activity and companies approached by both he and Cllr L Jones. The first half of the grant monies from the NNC Community Fund had now been received. Regarding the section of footpath which would be provided by NNC, Cllr Dudson advised that NNC would be amending and re-submitting the application form for the 2024 / 25 Integrated Transport Block schemes for Dingley to include the monies pledged ready for the new assessments in the Spring.</p> <p>The next step is to send a donation request email/letter to large logistic companies that route their lorries through Dingley.</p>
<p>April 2024 Minute 1425</p>	<p>Safe Cycle Path – Cllr Dudson provided an updated list of fund-raising activity. A letter requesting donations had been sent to local logistic companies that route their lorries through Dingley, the Clerk will follow up on this with an email. Cllr Dudson urged Councillors to put forward further suggestions of companies to approach. The Chair will write to the NNC members heading up the Greenway project (which will link up with Market Harborough) requesting the opportunity to be included in discussions.</p> <p>Cllr Dudson suggested the possibility of looking at phasing the groundworks in order to satisfy any funding requirements and will follow up with NNC, copying in the Portfolio Holder, regarding its contribution to the project now that a new financial year has commenced.</p>