



Beeches Community Board – Infrastructure & Highways Sub-Group

Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 2pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Ralph Bagge – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor George Sandy – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Carol Linton – Burnham Parish Council

Councillor Andrew Purdie – Dorney Parish Council

Councillor Roger Home – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Councillor Marilyn Rolfe – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Councillor Roger Worthington – Taplow Parish Council

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Apologies:

Councillor Jill Dax – Dorney Parish Council

Councillor Trevor Egleton – Stoke Poges Parish Council

1. Notes and actions from previous meeting

- Update on government funding for active travel in Buckinghamshire:
 - i. Buckinghamshire Council had been allocated a total of £2.262m of funding for active travel schemes as part of the government's Active Travel fund.
 - ii. £513,943 was allocated in phase 1 in 2020 as part of the government's Emergency Active Travel Fund. This could only be spent on schemes which reallocate carriageway space to walking and cycling, using temporary materials rather than any permanent infrastructure. Various trials and projects were funded through this money, which are set out on the Council's website. These projects were chosen based on a set of criteria by the Strategic Transport team.

- iii. £1,748,000 was allocated in phase 2. The projects that this funding will be used on have not yet been disclosed, but will be published on the Council's website when available.
- Hedge cutting escalation procedure
 - i. The procedure had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. If there were further concerns these could be escalated with the Community Board Coordinator.

2. Update on 2020/21 applications

- A preliminary programme of dates had been received from TfB for works to be carried out in 2021/22 on projects which had been funded by the Community Board. TfB would share these dates with the relevant Parish Councils.

3. Update on applications received for 2021/22

- Petition - Burnham Beeches parking issues
 - i. A petition regarding parking issues around Burnham Beeches was presented at the Community Board meeting on 17th February. The petition was supported by the Board, and the Chairman had written to the Cabinet Member for Logistics to communicate the Board's views. The Cabinet Member confirmed that plans were being developed to address parking issues across the County in locations that had been affected by an increase in visitors due to Covid-19. This included Burnham Beeches. A public consultation would be required before any measures could be implemented.
- 2021/22 Applications
 - i. Applications had been sent to TfB's design team who were now working to produce Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) which would include cost estimates. It was expected that PIDs would be ready in time for funding decisions to be made at the Community Board meeting in June. This would require a sub-group to be held ahead of that meeting to assess the various applications and make recommendations.

4. Beeches Active Travel Strategy

- The sub-group considered the proposed scoping document which had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The document was reviewed and agreed.
- It was suggested that a list of relevant stakeholders should be drawn up to ensure that all interested parties would have an opportunity to input into the strategy. Communication would be important to make sure that local stakeholders were aware that the strategy was being developed and to manage expectations. The sub-group agreed to take strategy forward after the May elections.

5. Any Other Business

- Kissing gates on footpaths
 - i. It was noted that new kissing gates would cost in the region of £1,000-£2,000 to install. Installation would require the involvement of the Rights of Way team.

6. Actions

- Jack and Ralph to work on the development of the Active Travel Strategy
- Jack to arrange a meeting of the sub-group to discuss 2021/22 funding applications

7. Date of next meeting

- To be confirmed