

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

29<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Cycling route in Filham Park

The Town Council's current byelaw, which applies across all four parks does not allow cycling.

The Bridleway in Filham Park allows for cycling on the bridleway only (purple on the map), but this does not link up the main track to St Peters Way.

The byelaw however allows the Town Council under Byelaw 5(i) to expressly permit certain classes of vehicles to or along specified areas, which can be bicycles.

If this committee is minded to, a formal decision could be made by the Full Council to allow bicycles or tricycles (which should include electrically assisted bicycles or tricycles) to pass along the orange route indicated on the plan below.

Other conditions should also be applied including making it clear that the use is subject to further review, amendment or suspension by the Town Council so that the Council can terminate the use if it is not working, or suspend the use for events. The Council can also add conditions, such as speed limits, compliance with the Highway Code etc or times of the day/days of the week.

Councillors are invited to discuss out the conditions which they would like to apply so that the Town Clerk can put together a detailed resolution for Full Council to consider.

The Active Travel representative of PL:21 has already indicated that this would be an extremely welcome move, providing an off road route from St Peters Way to Middle Filham, improving the active travel infrastructure for residents.

Jonathan Parsons

Town Clerk

