Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans

The following is an extract from Oxfordshire County Council's Active Travel page:

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"In 2017 the Government published its <u>Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy</u>. It sets out the Government's ambition to make walking and cycling the natural choices for shorter journeys or as part of a longer journey.

LCWIPs are a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements at the local level. They enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks over the next ten years and form a vital part of the Government's strategy to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle.

LCWIPs will:

- set out an analysis of the current network and opportunities for improvements
- contain a network plan for walking and cycling which identifies preferred routes and core routes for further development
- contain a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment.

LCWIPs will assist local authorities to:

- identify cycling and walking infrastructure improvements for future investment in the short, medium and long term
- ensure that consideration is given to cycling and walking within local planning and transport policies and strategies
- make a case for future funding for walking and cycling infrastructure."

Plans have been developed and approved for a number of towns in Oxfordshire. There are none for village communities and the Committee might like therefore to consider adopting the approach at a more local level, possibly in conjunction with Streatley, without having it formally adopted. The Committee has previously committed to identifying safe walking routes and a cycling route to the school, as well as linking routes in the Village to longer distance routes. Setting these in the context of a Plan would help make a case for any infrastructure development needed (e.g. as have been suggested to improve pedestrian access and safety).

Initial discussion with the appropriate officers in the County Council is recommended.