

## **Hullbridge Sub-Committee – 20 August 2003**

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Hullbridge Sub-Committee** held on **20 August 2003** when there were present:-

Cllr Mrs R Brown (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs L A Butcher  
Cllr A J Humphries

Cllr C R Morgan  
Cllr P K Savill

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Mrs W Stevenson      Hullbridge Parish Council

### **NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Cllr M G B Starke

### **REPRESENTING HULLBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Mrs L Campbell-Daley  
Cllr Mrs K Morgan

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICERS**

R Crofts      Corporate Director (Finance & External Services)  
D Timson      Property Maintenance & Highways Manager  
M Martin      Committee Administrator

### **COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS**

K Bristow      District Manager, Transportation & Operational Services  
L Harvey      District Engineer, Transportation & Operational Services

## **27      MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2003 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **28      TREE PITS**

District officers reported that any outstanding issues surrounding the tree pits for Phase 1 of the scheme would be completed and/or corrected by the contractor at no additional cost. Officers agreed to investigate staking the trees to help prevent wind damage.

Members noted that the tree planned for outside Hot Gossip had been delayed, whilst the outcome of a planning application was awaited.

## **29      PRIVATE FORECOURT WORKS**

Members noted that:-

- Three owners had still not responded with regard to private forecourt works for Phase 2.
- Written agreement had been received from the previous owner of the Indian Restaurant at 259 Ferry Road but not from the new owner.
- No response had been received from Unwins.

Samples of tarmac surfacing were circulated to Members. It was noted that:-

- The cost would be in the region of £10 per square metre, resulting in a total cost of £6000.
- Rounded aggregate with a texture should not 'puddle'
- The smaller type of aggregate was more likely to bond.
- Officers had been advised that the surface would be more skid resistant if resin was not applied on the top.
- A certain amount of loose stone would always remain for a short period of time and shopkeepers should be warned of this
- No joins would be apparent, as the stones would be rolled on.
- The contractor had been asked to look at some areas in Phase 1 which were already displaying some bald patches.
- A good surface at the outset was essential before stones were laid.
- A final agreement on the type of surfacing would be agreed at a brief site visit to take place immediately after this meeting.

In response to a Member question, it was confirmed that Serviceteam could be approached with a view to confirming whether the mechanical sweeper could be employed to deal with loose chippings.

County officers reported that:-

- two bicycle racks outside the Co-op would be installed that day.
- no extra charge would be made for those additional bollards which had been put in.

### **30 PROJECT COSTS – ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Sub-Committee received a verbal update from the County officers in respect of cabling works and number and cost of bollards.

#### **Underground Cabling**

County officers confirmed that they were still awaiting definite costs from EDF Energy for the underground cabling works. A 'fixed price' would be requested. Members noted that they would also contact British Telecom to ascertain whether costs would be incurred in moving any telephone cables.

#### **Bollards**

Members noted that:-

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- the unit cost would be £300. An estimated 15 would be required between Allsorts and Unwins
- a parking bay area was a high priority.

### 31 PROJECT COSTS – ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Sub-Committee received the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) and noted the costs of providing litter bins and trees for Phase 2.

### 32 CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD UNDERGROUND CABLING

The Sub-Committee received the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which apprised Members of the responses received to date in respect of requests for financial assistance towards the cost of underground cabling.

Members noted that:-

- Hullbridge Parish Council had offered a sum of £20,000 as a contribution to the cabling works. Whilst their generosity was to be applauded, Members were of the view that the Parish might consider offering more if a 'fixed price' was provided by EDF.
- Undertaking cabling works in Hullbridge would be for aesthetic reasons only, therefore, there was no reason to expect EDF to make any financial contribution.

#### **Resolved**

That a more detailed estimate for underground cabling works in Hullbridge be brought to the next meeting of this Sub-Committee. (County Highways)

### 33 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 1 October 2003 at 10 am at the Civic Suite, Rayleigh.

The meeting closed at 11 am.

Chairman .....

Date .....