

SITE VISIT 13 FEBRUARY 2003

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to appraise Members of the site visit which was carried out on 13 February.

2 ISSUES CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Hullbridge Parish Councillor Mrs. K. Morgan kindly produced a comprehensive note of the meeting, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2.2 In addition, County officers did address the issue of the height of the lighting columns. It was explained that the columns were the minimum height possible in order to ensure that sufficient light was cast on the highway in order to comply with street lighting requirements.

Background Papers:

None.

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APPENDIX 1

SITE MEETING, HULLBRIDGE SHOPPING AREA IMPROVEMENT
SCHEME 13 FEBRUARY 2003

In Attendance:

Hullbridge Parish Council	Rochford District Council	Essex County Council
Cllr. Mrs R Brown	Mr R Crofts	Mr N McCullough
Cllr Mrs L Campbell-Daly	Mr R Tatton-Bennett	Mrs L Harvey
Cllr Mrs K Morgan		
Cllr Mrs W Stevenson		
McAlpine	H&B Groundworks	
Mr J Denigrey	Mr A Buckfield	
Mr G Witham		

GENERAL POINTS

- A Sub-Committee of RDC's Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be set up to facilitate the reconstitution of a Sub-committee to address matters to conclude Phase I and commence Phase 2.
- RDC crests to be placed on Lamp Columns and litterbins.
- Litterbins x 4 @ approximately £120 each.
- 3 Trees in total to be planted :
 - 1 – ECC
 - 2 - RDC

SPECIFIC SITES:

CORNER MALYONS LANE/FERRY ROAD

- Prunus Miyako to be planted with root retaining device, Tegula Blocks, no guard. **Highways to action.**

GARDENS ASSOCIATION

- Bollard to be installed. **Highways to action and advise cost.**

CO-OP STORES

- Cycle Rack not yet installed – **Highways to advise date –Co-op already paid.**
- Possibility of part of the wall replaced with Bollards. Costing and design needed. **RDC (R Tatton- Bennett) to continue to liaise with Co-op regarding cost/payment).**
- Bin to be installed. Co-op already paid. **RDC to action.**

BEAUTY ROOMS

- Trip hazard to be levelled. **McAlpine to action.**
- Worn surface to be referred to Contractor. **McAlpine to action.**
- Blocked Drain – not causing problem at present.

SUE RYDER SHOP .

- Worn Surface to be referred to Contractor. **McAlpine to action.**
- Surface water lying over Drain cover. **Cover is over gas point. No further action.**

GOLD LION

- Tree to be planted in possible Tegula brick container, near wall in line with wooden gate but ownership of forecourt needs to be double-checked. **RDC to action.**
- Bin to be installed. **RDC to action**

FERRY FISHERIES

- Wall not to be re-pointed.
- Bollard to be installed. **Highways to action and advise cost.**
- Bin to be installed. **RDC to action.**

HOT GOSSIP

- Tree to be planted in front of the Salon. **RDC to action.**
- Worn surface to be referred to Contractor. **McAlpine to action.**
- Any construction work arising out of proposed building of a block of flats to the rear of the property will result in increased traffic across part of the forecourt.

ONE STOP SHOP

- Worn surface to be referred to Contractor. **McAlpine to action.**
- 4 Bollards to be installed. **Highways to action and advise cost.**
- BT has advised that the telephone call box is to be removed. A litterbin to be installed and if on that site it may need a railing around to comply with Health and Safety regulations. **All parties need to note. RDC, extra cost involved. *****
- Kerbing installation. **Increased amount used still in dispute. RDC (RT-B) to measure.**
***** Please note – subsequently, it has been confirmed that BT have taken away one telephone box, thus leaving this space. BT does not intend to remove the remaining box.**

CONCLUSION

It was agreed that there is still dissatisfaction with the shortfall between expectation and delivery. One way to avoid this in any future projects would be detailed designs and plans drawn up in advance at a minimum cost of £15000. Any decisions would be ratified by all parties, which would be a more inflexible way of working but would help obviate problems experienced in this Hullbridge Scheme.

