

Hullbridge Sub-Committee – 21 May 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the **Hullbridge Sub-Committee** held on **21 May 2003**
when there were present:-

Cllr Mrs R Brown (Chairman)

Cllr C R Morgan

Cllr P K Savill

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mrs L A Butcher, A J Humphries

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

17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Members noted that:-

- container grown trees had been sourced from a supplier at £30 each and would be stored at the Woodlands Depot
- the Woodlands staff from the District Council would plant all three trees and there would therefore be no direct cost.
- the Parish Council would be agreeing a watering contract for planters and could therefore be asked to give consideration to including the trees within that contract.
- the construction of the two tree pits would cost £800 each.
- hanging baskets had been put up at a cost of £180.50.

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- CCTV was scheduled to be installed during week commencing 26 May.
- British Telecom were continuing to look at the issue of the unsafe nature of the site where the telephone box had been removed outside One Stop.

18 Co-op Wall – Plastic Bollards

At the previous meeting of this Sub-Committee, Members had noted the two options regarding the Co-Op. Members had agreed that plastic bollards would be the preferred option, as they would be easier to replace and more in keeping with the scheme.

Members noted that a response had been received back from the Chelmsford Star Co-Operative Society Ltd indicating that they would be prepared to contribute half the cost of this cheaper scheme on completion of the work.

A copy of a report from Jason Sculthorpe, the Crime Reduction and Architectural Liaison Officer for Essex Police was tabled for Members' information. Members considered that removing the brick wall completely would leave an uneven surface on the forecourt side. The Co-Op considered the wall provided a means of protection.

Agreed

That the option involving repairing the ends of the wall at one and a half bricks high, together with a plastic bollard at each end be implemented at a cost of £650 plus an additional £70 for the plastic bollards.

19 Hullbridge Phase 1 Costs

Members noted that:-

- the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 19 November 2002 had been advised of the revised amount which Essex County Council envisaged would be available from the Rochford scheme for the Hullbridge scheme
- they had also been advised that the Hullbridge phase 1 scheme was estimated at £90,000 which meant that the total for both phase 1 and 2 would be in the region of £115,000.
- based on those figures, Members of that Committee had agreed that £25,000 should be allocated to Hullbridge in order to complete phase 2 of the scheme, with any underspend on Hullbridge being transferred to the Hockley scheme.
- the Hullbridge scheme was now over budget at an estimated figure of £95,000.
- the Corporate Director would need to report back into the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommending that £5,000 be allocated from within the capital programme, in order that both the Hullbridge and Hockley schemes could be completed.

Recommended

That a report be taken to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee requesting that a decision be taken with regard to the funding of the remainder of the Hullbridge scheme. (CD(F&ES))

20 Hullbridge Phase 2 Costs

Members noted that:-

- phase 2 would involve the stretch of Ferry Road from Allsorts to Unwins.
- whilst it would be possible for Officers to provide estimated costs, it would be beneficial to wait until it was known how much was available.
- officers had written some time ago to Phase 2 shopowners regarding private forecourts and would report back to the next meeting of this Sub-Committee with up-to-date information.
- officers would investigate whether any payments had already been received from forecourt owners.
- whilst the telegraph poles were considered unsightly, the moving of cables underground would be very costly.
- a Member of the Sub-Committee agreed to confirm to the County Council which poles had the yellow warning stickers supplied by 24Seven, so that Officers could investigate any possibilities of moving of cables underground.
- under the Capital budget rules there was no time limit on spending any available budget.

Concern was expressed over the colour scheme. In particular, Members requested reassurance that the bins would be the same shade as the lamp posts. Officers agreed to liaise with the manufacturer to confirm this.

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed the date of the next meeting.

NB This was subsequently amended to Thursday 10 July at the Civic Suite, Rayleigh, commencing at 10 am.

The meeting closed at 11.35 am

Chairman

Date