

Hullbridge Sub-Committee- 13 November 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the **Hullbridge Sub-Committee** held on **13 November 2003** when there were present:-

Cllr Mrs R Brown (Chairman)

Cllr A J Humphries

Cllr C R Morgan

VISITING MEMBER

Cllr K H Hudson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P K Savill.

REPRESENTING HULLBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs L Campbell-Daley

Cllr Mrs K Morgan

OFFICERS PRESENT

R Crofts – Corporate Director (Finance & External Services)

D Timson – Property Maintenance and Highways Manager

J Bostock – Principal Committee Administrator

COUNTY OFFICERS PRESENT

K Bristow – District Manager, Transportation & Operational Services

39 SITE VISIT HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2003

The Chairman thanked Parish Councillor Mrs Morgan for the production of some notes on the outcome of the site visit held on 30 October 2003. Some concern was expressed that the lighting contractor had not supplied detailed costings on aspects raised at the site visit in time for this meeting. The Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) confirmed that he would write to the County requesting the details.

40 UPDATE

Note Cllr C R Morgan declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of his role as Vice-Chairman of the Hullbridge Community Association.

The Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) tabled a revised estimate of costs for the Hullbridge Phase 2 Scheme and the completion of Phase 1 (copy appended).

Responding to Member questions, officers advised that:-

- The supply of a victorian cast-iron sign-post would cost approximately £1,000. The precise cost would depend on the number of finger signs used.
- The figures were more detailed than would normally be provided as they included up-front costs. The Sub-Committee should be mindful that they are still estimates which could go up or down (unlikely).
- The County was now proposing to absorb 31% of the overhead costs that would normally be passed onto the contractor together with the finance administration fees (15%).
- Proposals for surfacing work to paving involved the use of an epoxy based material which should minimise the problem of loose stones. The surface would be laid in the spring as, in terms of material binding, climate was a factor. Once laid, the surface would need to be swept a number of times. Officers had concluded that road sweeping machinery would be too aggressive for this purpose. All parties involved would be contacted in advance in accordance with previously agreed arrangements.
- The County would seek clarification on the question of whether the costs associated with street lighting included for appropriate excavation/paving works.

During debate Members observed that, notwithstanding the problems associated with initial estimates, it was good to see a spirit of partnership reflected in the absorption of some costs by the County Council. It was agreed that Hullbridge Parish Council and the County Council should be approached on whether they would be prepared to fund an amount towards meeting project shortfall. It was also agreed that the Community Association should be asked if they would be prepared to contribute a specific amount towards a victorian lamp-post on the basis that their own location could be identified on it.

Members were pleased to note that the Council's Principal Engineer would now be project managing the Hullbridge Scheme. The Sub-Committee endorsed the view of the Chairman that letters outlining the next stage should be sent to all concerned parties once the final financial position had been ascertained.

Resolved

- (1) That officers consult Hullbridge Parish Council and Essex County Council on whether they would be prepared to fund a specific amount towards meeting project shortfall.

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- (2) That officers consult the Community Association on whether they would be prepared to contribute a specific amount towards a victorian lamp-post on the basis that their own location would be identified on it.
- (3) That, once the final financial position has been ascertained, letters be sent to all concerned parties outlining the next stages of the project.
(CD(F&ES))

The Meeting commenced at 10.00am and closed at 10.44am.

Chairman

Date

HULLBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE SCHEME

Appendix

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report appraises Members of the revised estimate of costs for the Hullbridge phase 2 scheme and the completion of Phase 1, the corner of Malyons Lane.

2. SUMMARY OF COSTS

- 2.1. The estimated costs are shown below:-

Malyons Lane Corner: Essex County Council – completion of Corner of Malyons Lane	£ 1,200
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Phase 2 Essex County Council Paving work including s/f 18 No. bollards Street lighting Hanging baskets 4 plus linings and fixing	25,000 5,975 <u>600</u>
Sub Total	31,575 -----
Rochford District Council Ferry Road 332 Sq. m. pea gravel Ferry Road patching potholes 2 Litter bins, supply and fix 2 Tree pits and trees	4,125 2,115 390 <u>1,660</u>
Sub Total	8,290 -----
TOTAL	<u>39,865</u>

Essex County Council points out that Rochford District Council will benefit from their not passing on overheads and profits.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The current budget provision for Phase 2 of the scheme is £25,000. There is at present a shortfall in budget of £14,865.
- 3.2. It must be stressed that the Essex County Council figures are not fixed cost estimates and are subject to change as the scheme progresses.
- 3.3. Members now need to determine whether or not finance may be available from any of our partners to meet the shortfall.

- 3.4. In the event of no other finance being available, it will be necessary either to reduce the scheme to comply with the budget or seek further funding from the Council's capital programme as part of the budget strategy currently being developed.