Minutes of the meeting of the **Hullbridge Sub-Committee** held on **19 March 2003** when there were present:-

Cllr Mrs R Brown (Chairman)

Cllr C R Morgan Cllr P K Savill

Cllr M G B Starke

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R A Amner

Cllr Mrs W Stevenson Hullbridge Parish Council

R Crofts Corporate Director (Finance & External Services)

REPRESENTING HULLBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs L Campbell-Daley Cllr Mrs K Morgan

DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICERS

D Timson Property Maintenance & Highways Manager

M Martin Committee Administrator

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER

L Harvey District Engineer, Transportation & Operational Services

6 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7 DISTRICT COUNCIL CREST

Members viewed an example of a self adhesive crest which could be placed on 8 lamp columns and 4 litter bins and noted that these would be at a cost of approximately £5 each. Members were reassured that these would be suitable for either a painted or plastic surface.

The cost of these was of concern to Members of the District and Parish Councils who requested that officers investigate whether savings could be achieved by ordering a larger quantity of the crests, or by purchasing elsewhere and report back to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

8 WALL OUTSIDE CO-OP

Members noted that a response had still not been received from the Co-Op as to whether they would be prepared to fund the work at an estimated cost of £2000. Members were concerned that their reluctance may be due to the fact that they had already paid for cycle racks and a bin, but had not yet received them.

Members requested that a more positive approach be adopted in communicating with them and wished to see written confirmation, including the sending of a design drawing of the site. Officers agreed to report back fully at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

9 HANGING BASKETS

Members of the Parish Council had met on site with the County Officer and a representative from Amberol Ltd on 13 March to agree the design of planters. They reported they had been impressed by the design, particularly from the point of view of watering. The Parish Council were considering letting a planting and watering contract, with the possibility that there might be some sponsorship for plants. The planters had been ordered at a cost of £952 plus VAT.

10 LITTER BINS

During the discussions with Amberol Ltd regarding planters, it was noted that they could supply suitable litter bins constructed from moulded polyethylene and with flame retardant liners. Members of the Parish Council reported that the designs were more aesthetically pleasing than the one previously chosen and were recommending that the 90 litre Baby Enviro model be purchased at a basic cost of £120 each. This compared favourably in terms of cost with the Swintex bin originally chosen. Members noted that these would be fixed with base plate bolts to the ground.

Officers agreed to confirm at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee how the crest would be affixed to the bins and what the total cost would be.

11 TREES

With regard to the tree to be provided by the County Council at the corner of Malyons Lane and Ferry Road, Members requested a written breakdown of the suggested figure of £1000 for retaining the planting area with tegula blocks. It was noted that this would include taking away an area of grass and scraping off the slightly domed surface prior to planting, but that it could be left bare until a final decision was taken on the surrounding area. A bare rooted tree would need to be planted by the end of March.

12 COST OF SCHEME

Members noted that a detailed breakdown of the scheme costs to date would be reported to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

It was further noted that at the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 2 October 2002, up to £25,000 had been re-allocated for use in constructing Phase 2 of the Hullbridge scheme.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.50 am.

Chairman	 	 	
Date	 	 	