

Environmental Services Committee – 2 September 2004

Minutes of the meeting of the **Environmental Services Committee** held on **2 September 2004** when there were present:-

Cllr J E Grey (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs T J Capon (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr R A Amner
Cllr R G S Choppen
Cllr Mrs L Hungate
Cllr C J Lumley

Cllr P R Robinson
Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr Mrs M S Vince
Cllr Mrs M J Webster

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T G Cutmore, J M Pullen and P F A Webster.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Head of Planning Services
D Timson - Property Maintenance and Highways Manager
N Khan - Solicitor
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

COUNTY OFFICERS PRESENT

L Harvey District Engineer, Transportation and Operational Services

380 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

381 REVIEW OF THE LOCALLY DETERMINED PROGRAMME 2003/2004 AND PRESENTATION OF THE LOCALLY DETERMINED PROGRAMME 2004/2005

The Committee considered the report of the Area Manager, Transportation and Operational Services updating Members on progress with respect to the locally determined programme 2003/2004 and requesting Members to approve the locally determined programme for the financial year 2004/2005 and to note items for the rolling programme for 2004-6.

During debate, disappointment was expressed at the inadequate level of central funding for urgent works on highways and footpaths.

In response to a Member enquiry relating to the extension of a 30 mph speed limit in Pooles Lane, Hullbridge to Kingsmans Farm Road, the County Council officer confirmed that, while this could be examined in more detail, it would not

be possible to include anything additional in this year's locally determined programme budget.

Responding to a similar enquiry relating to the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 40 mph in Lower Road, Hullbridge the officer confirmed that this would be examined in more detail, but that it would not be possible to include this in this year's programme.

In response to a Member enquiry about a possible cycle path along Lower Road, Hullbridge the officer advised that a scheme for a cycle path along part of Lower Road had been included in the Local Transport Plan.

Members were informed that, with respect to the residential zones work for the Anne Boleyn estate, it was unlikely that, following consultation, the County Council would have sufficient funds in order to carry out appropriate works. The intention was therefore that the scheme should be included within the Local Transport Plan. A report identifying various options, with associated costs, would be brought to Committee for consideration. Members requested that residents should be kept informed of any likely delays with respect to this scheme.

Responding to a concern expressed about a planning application for flatted accommodation just past the railway station in Rayleigh, which could necessitate a pedestrian crossing, officers advised that County Highways were included in the consultation for this application.

County officers confirmed that the siting of a 'Kill Your Speed' sign at the junction with Fountain Lane in Hockley would be reviewed, as the sign was obstructing the 'no entry' sign. The location of the 'no entry' sign would also be reviewed.

Resolved

- (1) That the programme of Locally Determined Schemes for this financial year be approved, as shown in Section 4 of the report.
- (2) That the rolling programme of reserve schemes be approved, as shown in Section 5 of the report. (County Highways)

382 REPAIRS TO INLET/OUTLET AT ROCHFORD RESERVOIR

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) seeking Members' agreement to bid for additional funding in 2005/06 to finance repairs needed to the inlet and outlet to Rochford Reservoir.

Resolved

That a bid for funding of a sum of £50,000 in the 2005/06 budget strategy be

agreed for the works to the inlet, outlet and silt trap at Rochford Reservoir, to supplement the existing £10,000 contained within this year's budget.
(CD(F&ES))

383 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 11, HOCKLEY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal Services concerning an application for the diversion of footpath 11 in Hockley. The application for the diversion was made by the landowner, J F Spencer & Son Ltd.

Resolved

That, subject to J F Spencer & Son Ltd bearing the cost of all the Council's expenses, recoverable under the Local Government (Recovery of Costs for Public Path Orders) Regulations 1993 as amended, the proposal to divert footpath 11, as indicated on the plan appended to the report, be approved in principle and that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to take all necessary steps to secure the making and confirmation without modification, of the Public Path Diversion Order. (HLS)

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman

Date