

CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETPRIDE

**Venue: Training Room,
3rd Floor Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
Rotherham. S60 1TD**

Date: Monday, 16th March, 2009

Time: *9.45 a.m.

* please note the start time for this meeting.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Petition regarding lack of salting on footways at Swinburne Place, Herringthorpe. (report attached) (Pages 1 - 7)
Bob Stock, Network Principal Engineer, to report.
 - to discuss issues relating to an alleged lack of action in gritting footways on Swinburne Place, Herringthorpe.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	STREETPRIDE SERVICE
2.	Date:	16 March 2009
3.	Title:	PETITION REGARDING LACK OF SALTING ON FOOTWAYS AT SWINBURNE PLACE, HERRINGTHORPE – WARD 17
4.	Programme Area:	ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

5. Summary

The report discusses issues relating to an alleged lack of action in gritting footways on Swinburne Place, Herringthorpe, the subject of a petition from residents.

6. Recommendations

That it be resolved that the lead petitioner be advised of the way to register requests for salting action and for the salt bins to be refilled.

7. Proposals and Details

A petition with 9 signatures, attached as an appendix to this report, has been received from residents of Swinburne Place, Herringthorpe. The majority of the comments submitted relate to a lack of gritting on the footways, but the final comment relates to grit bins which are reported to be empty.

Swinburne Place is a cul de sac off Chaucer Road (plan attached). It comprises a Council owned housing development of 64 bungalows for the elderly. A number of the properties are sited around grassed areas bounded with footpaths which are maintained as public highway. Most of the area is reasonably level but there is a slight gradient along the main spine of the road.

The petition is dated 21 January 2009 which precedes the snowfall of 2 February and the subsequent cold spell. It is possible that the petition was prompted by conditions experienced during 20 January 2009. On that day a number of requests were received from members of the public to salt side roads and four teams were deployed throughout the day to respond to the requests received. Problems due to snow and ice were quite variable across the network and conditions were not severe enough to justify all resources being deployed on winter action.

All requests for salting are received through the call centre Streetpride Connect. A search of reports received relating to Swinburne Place showed only one report, on the 22 January 2009 requesting that a salt bin be refilled. That is the day after the date at the head of the petition.

There are two salt bins on Swinburne Place, adjacent to 59 and outside 25. These bins were not supplied by Streetpride and are not maintained as part of our winter service. The criteria for the provision of salt bins as part of Streetpride's winter service would not be met on Swinburne Place.

The salt bins on site were provided by Neighbourhoods and are maintained by the caretakers. The Estate Officer Champion confirms that the salt bins were filled by the caretakers on 26 January and again on 5 February. Regular visits are made to the area to ensure the salt bins are filled when necessary.

It is suggested that the lead petitioner be advised that if there is a need for footways or carriageway to be salted to ensure safety then a request should be made through Streetpride Connect, on 336003 and that Streetpride will respond to the request as soon as we are able given the conditions across the network pertaining at that time. Further the petitioners should be advised that the salt bins are maintained by Neighbourhood Services and any request for refilling should be made to the Neighbourhood Office.

8. Finance

Winter Service activities are funded from the Streetpride Revenue Account.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

No comments

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Rotherham Safe – Highway Authorities are under a duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by

snow or ice. In judging whether the actions of an authority satisfied this duty consideration would be taken of the resources available to them.

The Council's policy recognises that it is not possible in severe spells of weather to clear, and maintain clear, all of the network. The priority roads for treatment are those important to the free flow of traffic; Principal roads, well used classified routes, bus routes and access roads to hospitals and fire stations etc. The principle being that if side roads are difficult due to the conditions then people can walk to their nearest bus service and still get to where they need to go.

When conditions of laying snow [or ice] pertain then ploughing and salting is undertaken with routes cleared in the order of their traffic importance. It follows that the bulk salters will not be redeployed onto more minor routes until we are confident that the main roads will remain safe without further action. All other resources available to the Council will be directed to priority sites off the main routes these include areas where there are vulnerable people. Streetpride also seek to respond to requests from residents for local action.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Copy of petition received and site plan attached to report.

Comments included from Neighbourhood Champion, Wentworth South Area Office.

12. Contact Name : *Robert Stock, Network Principal Engineer, telephone extension 2928, bob.stock@rotherham.gov.uk*

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To Council 4th Feb.

Copies to:-
Ward No 17 Valley Clus:-
Lakin & Pockesing

Colo Member RDS - 16th Feb 09
FILE PET 1

Dear Lewis,

I have received this petition from some of the residents of Swinburne place Herringthorpe please could you put it into the system for petitions.

Yours sincerely, Cllr Simon Currie.

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Petition 21.01.09



Anti Social Behaviour Nuisance Monitoring Form



Your Name MR M. J. Dearden

Your Address 29 Swinburne Place

Tel:

Date of Incident (if overnight write both dates - e.g. 12/13th March 2007)

Time of Incident - please put am or pm

Address of where incident happened

Name and address of any witnesses to the incident.

Police Incident Number, Date and Time (if reported to the Police)

What Happened? Write down exactly what you saw and heard. If someone else saw or heard things they must fill in their own Nuisance Monitoring form. Put all words in full, including swear words. **Please use the back of this form if additional space is needed**

I am complaining about Pavment not being Grilled
B Holden, 64, Swinburne Place.

IM COMPLAINING ABOUT NO GRITT ON THE PAVEMENT
JEAN WRIGHT 57 SWINBORNE PLACE

I AM COMPLAINING ABOUT LACK OF GRITTING ON PAVEMENTS
BETTY COLEMAN, 40 SWINBORNE PLACE

I AM COMPLAINING ABOUT NO GRIT ON PAVEMENTS
VERA SARVIS 53 SWINBURNE PLACE

NO GRIT ON PAVEMENTS FOR OLD DISABLED PEOPLE DISGUSTING
SHIRLEY NICHOLS 65 SWINBURNE PLACE

NO GRIT on pavements for Old People.
Joan Tugle, 42 Swinburne Place

Complaining about no grilling when
veg

Mrs E Riches 25 Swinburne Place 565248

Grit Bins should be kept full
on Elderley Persons complex's

Mr + Mrs Beaumont 83 Swinburne Place

WHY SUPPLY GRIT BINS, WHEN YOU ARE
NOT PUTTING GRIT IN THEM.

How has it affected you? Write down the way the incident has made you feel. Include its affect on other people who live with you. For instance, it has stopped you sleeping, it has frightened your children and so on

Your Signature

Date

Thank you for completing this Nuisance Monitoring Form. Your evidence is vital in tackling Anti Social Behaviour



Barret Corner

Shelter

Library

Community Centre

Sub Sta

69.5m

BROWNING ROAD

71.6m

Kirk House
(home for the aged)

Bellamy Close

Rose Cottage

SWINBURNE PLACE

71.9m

74.4m

HERRINGTHORPE

BEAUMONT DRIVE

COMPER DRIVE

HERRINGTHORPE