

**PARISH LIAISON
TUESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2010**

Present:-

Councillor Smith (in the Chair)

Also in attendance:-

Mr. D. Corkell, Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council
Mr. A. Armitage, Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council
Mr. A. Hodkin, Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council
Councillor Pickering, Borough and Dalton Parish Council
Councillor D. Cant, Brinsworth Parish Council
Councillor J. Andrews, Maltby Town Council
Councillor K. Stringer, Maltby Town Council
Councillor D. Rowley, Ravenfield Parish Council
Councillor R. Swann, Woodsetts Parish Council

Apologies for Absence were received from:-

Councillor St. John, Cabinet Member for Cultural Services and Sport
Councillor J. Favley, Adviser for Cultural Services and Sport
Councillor D. Hughes, Catcliffe Parish Council
Mr. A. Pashley, Catcliffe Parish Council
Laughton Parish Council
Mr. A. Scholes
Councillor C. Cockayne, Woodsetts Parish Council

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

The Chairman introduced those present and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16TH JULY, 2009

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th July, 2009 were agreed as a correct record, subject to an amendment to Minute No. 32(c) to amend the flooding problem on Worksop Road from No. 26 to No. 22.

3. GREEN SPACE STRATEGY

Phil Gill, Green Spaces Manager, gave a presentation on the draft Green Spaces Strategy and the need for a partnership approach..

The presentation drew specific attention to:-

- Why a Strategy was needed.
- Consultation.
- The Strategy's Vision.
- The Strategy's Aims.
- Green Space Grades.
- Provisional Hierarchy for Local Sites.
- Provisional Hierarchy for Neighbourhood Sites.
- Provisional Hierarchy for Borough Sites.
- Site Ownership, Management and Maintenance.
- Capital Investment.
- Revenue Budgets.
- Expenditure Comparison.
- Objectives 1 – 8.
- The Coalition Programme for Government.

A discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and subsequently clarified:-

- Whether the Green Spaces Strategy also covered playing pitches as well as recreational and play areas.
- Difficulty in establishing ownership for some green spaces.
- Realistic balance of meeting housing targets and maintaining green spaces.
- Need to retain and maintain green belt areas around Rotherham.
- Need to identify some sites in the Local Development Framework as green space, such as the Muddies at Maltby.
- Inclusion of woodland areas in the Green Spaces Strategy.
- Review of the Green Space By-Laws in respect of cyclists and horse riders and appropriate liaison with relevant groups.

Agreed:- That Phil Gill be thanked for his informative presentation.

4. PURCHASE OF GRIT BINS BY PARISH COUNCILS

Further to Minute No. M32 of the joint meeting of the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation and Streetpride, consideration was given to the agreement that Parish Councils could purchase their own salt bins on highways within the parished areas subject to appropriate conditions.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of an agreement being entered into with the Council for them to refill salt bins should salt be purchased.

The Strategic Director agreed to seek further information about the cost of the salt bins, locations and whether it was possible for an agreement to be entered into.

Resolved:- That further information be provided to Parish Councils regarding Parish owned salt bins in due course.

5. **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

Ian Ashmore, Principal Traffic Officer, gave a presentation on the review of speed limits to Class A and B roads by the Local Highway Authority.

The presentation drew specific attention to:-

- Background and Aims of the Guidance issued by Government in 2006.
- South Yorkshire Speed Management Strategy.
- Carrying out the Review.
- The Results for Rotherham.
- The Audit Process.
- Implementing the Changes.

Ian Ashmore also provided further information on the seven speed limit areas which were to be reduced. These were:-

Ian Ashmore also provided further information on the seven speed limit areas which are proposed to be reduced, subject to the statutory consultation process. These are:-

- ◆ A618 Pleasley Road, Whiston – From a 40 mph to 30 mph.
- ◆ A631 Tickhill Road, Maltby – Extension of the 30 mph into the 40 mph.
- ◆ A6023 Wath Road, Manvers – From Derestricted to 40 mph.
- ◆ B6089 Stubbin Road, Rawmarsh – From Derestricted 60 mph to 40 mph.
- ◆ B6098 Bolton Road, Manvers – From Derestricted to 50 mph and 40 mph in two sections.
- ◆ B6410 Worrygoose Lane, Whiston - From Derestricted to 40 mph.
- ◆ B6059 Red Hill, Kiveton Park – From a 40mph to 30mph

One area also proposed to be changed is Fishpond Lane, Braithwell, which is to change the boundary of the 30 mph sign to a more appropriate place.

Other areas that were recommended for change, which were not

agreed to when independently audited were:-

- ◆ Sections of the A629 Upper Wortley Road from Thorpe Hesley down to where changes to 30 mph.
- ◆ A6021 Broom Road, Wickersley from Brecks down to the Rugby Club.

A discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and subsequently clarified:-

- Recommended speed limits should be adhered to and it should be the Police's responsibility to enforce, particularly on areas such as the A6021 Broom Road, Wickersley.
- Increased use of permanent speed cameras, such as those undertaking average speed checks.
- Whether the review would be extended to include Class C and unclassified roads.
- Speed limits outside schools.

Agreed:- That Ian Ashmore be thanked for his informative presentation.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) A representative from Woodsetts Parish Council asked for an update on the flooding situation on the Worksop Road (aka the Bullring), especially in respect of No. 22 who had contacted Kevin Barron, M.P.

Andy Roddis from Streetpride had indicated that the problems were created because the drainage system could not take any increased flows.

The Strategic Director confirmed that he would investigate the situation and respond in writing to the Parish Council direct.

- (b) A representative from Brinsworth Parish Council referred to the recent Parish Boundary Review and asked why the Parish Council had not been informed that a further survey was to be undertaken by the Borough Council when one had been undertaken by the Parish.

The Strategic Director confirmed that he would investigate the situation and asked that the relevant officer respond in writing to the Parish Council direct.

7. CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Smith thanked the Parish Councils' representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND STREETPRIDE SERVICE
2.	Date:	18 January 2010
3.	Title:	REQUEST FROM A PARISH COUNCIL FOR PERMISSION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SALT BINS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

Outlines a request received from Harthill with Woodall Parish Council for permission to place out and subsequently maintain additional salt bins on public highways within the village.

6. Recommendations

That it be resolved that:

- i) **an agreement be entered into with Harthill with Woodall Parish Council for that Council to place out and maintain salt bins on highways within the parish subject to appropriate conditions, and**
- ii) **all other Parish and Town Councils be informed of the decision.**

7. Proposals and Details

An application has been received from Harthill with Woodall Parish Council for permission for the Parish Council to place out and subsequently service salt bins at locations throughout Harthill. The Parish Council do not feel that the Borough Council provide an adequate Winter Service through the village and wish to supplement this by provision of additional salt bins.

There are 4 proposed locations:

- Hard Lane at the junction with Northlands
- Union Street at the junction with Serlby Lane
- Whinney Hill at the junction with Crescent
- At the end of Pryor Mede

These sites do not meet the criteria used for the Council to provide and maintain bins ourselves.

There may well be interest from other Parish Councils to provide similar services on streets within their areas.

It is suggested that if agreements with Town or Parish Councils are entered into for those Councils to provide and maintain salt bins in addition to those provided by the Borough Council then they should be subject to certain conditions:

- Locations put forward be subject to prior consultation with residents where the bins are proposed to be sited.
- Locations be agreed as suitable by Streetpride's enforcement officers prior to any application.
- The bins should be clearly labelled as the property and responsibility of the Town / Parish Council.
- The bins have a contact number for servicing or reporting problems.
- The bins should preferably be a distinctive colour from those provided by the highway authority (green is suggested).

If Cabinet Members agree to the request from Harthill with Woodall Parish Council then the winter services policy will require amendment as shown in the appendix attached.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Despite the measures to identify responsibility for the bins described above calls related to the bins can be expected to be received by Streetpride Connect. There may also be requests made to the Council for additional bins to be provided in similar situations citing these as a precedent.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposal will supplement the service provided by the highway authority contributing to road safety.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Legal Services have been consulted and have advised that Parish Councils may have well-being powers which would entitle them, with the Borough Council's permission as highway authority, to salt highways within the Parish. This would not absolve the Borough Council from its duty under section 41(1A) of the Highways Act 1980 to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the public is not endangered by snow and ice on public highways. The appropriate agreement would need to contain the necessary indemnities and insurance provision to cover the possibility of a claim or claims against the Council due to negligence on the part of the Parish Council.

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