Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors Ali and Swift

41. PETITION REGARDING LACK OF SALTING ON FOOTWAYS AT SWINBURNE PLACE, HERRINGTHORPE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Network Principal Engineer, relating to the receipt of a petition containing 9 signatures from residents of Swinburne Place, Herringthorpe, alleging lack of action by Streetpride in gritting footways and also the lack of grit in the grit bins.

Details of the current placement of salt bins, weather conditions during January and February 2009, and Streetpride’s criteria for the siting of salt bins, were set out in the submitted report.

It was further explained that the current two salt bins were provided by Neighbourhoods and managed by the Estate Officer Champion. It was pointed out that these bins were not supplied by Streetpride and not maintained as part of the winter service. In addition it was reported that Streetpride’s criteria for the provision of slat bins would not be met at this location.

Following investigation it was confirmed that the bins were filled by the Estate Office Champion on 26th January and again on 5th February, 2009.

It was suggested that the lead petitioner be advised that if there was a need for footways, or the carriageway, to be salted to ensure safety the request should be made through Streetpride Connect, and also any request for refilling of the salt bins should be made to the Neighbourhood Office.

Reference was made to other salt bins located at social services, children’s and young people’s services and schools premises, and to those provided using the Councillors’ Community Leadership fund, and to the need to adhere to one policy for the allocation, filling, cleaning and storage of the bins.

Reference was also made to the level of salt and grit supplies during the period of adverse winter weather when resources throughout the UK were down to less than two days supply which Government earmarked for essential services.

Resolved:- (1) That the petition be received.

(2) That the lead petitioner be advised of the way to register requests for salting action and for the salt bins to be refilled.