

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

22nd August 2002

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Southerd (Chair), Councillor Taylor (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Brooks, Carroll, Mrs. Mead (Substitute for Councillor Whyman), Pabla, Shepherd and Sherratt.

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale, Douglas, Shaw and Mrs. Walton.

In Attendance

Councillors Bell, Evens and Stone (Labour Group).

APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Whyman (Labour Group).

ES/27. **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2002 were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chair.

ES/28. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest in respect of item 12 – Disposal of Public Toilets.

ES/29. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND REPORTS**

Councillor Carroll referred to the introduction of the Composting Scheme to Melbourne and the public consultation undertaken. She was disappointed that literature circulated had made no mention about the “Blue Bag Paper Recycling Scheme”. She felt a good opportunity had been missed to advertise this initiative. It was explained that a calendar of collections was produced each year in September. In addition to planned circulation, copies of the collection calendar could be provided for the Melbourne Parish Council, local groups or be distributed via the contractor.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

ES/30. **PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 6 (PART) PARISH OF SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL**

It was reported that an application had been received to divert a section of public footpath No. 6 in the Parish of Sutton-on-the-Hill. Details were submitted of the current definitive line, the proposed diversion and the assessment of the Public Rights of Way Officer.

Informal consultations had been undertaken and no objections had been received. It was therefore concluded that the proposed diversion was acceptable.

RESOLVED:-

That an Order be made under the provisions of Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert part of the definitive line of Public Footpath No. 6 in the Parish of Sutton-on-the-Hill.

ES/31. **WILLINGTON – PUBLIC TOILET**

It was reported that the public toilets in Willington had been closed since April 2000. The Parish Council had expressed a willingness to enter into a partnership agreement with the District Council to re-open this public toilet. Similar agreements were in operation in Melbourne, Etwell and Overseal, whereby the District Council was responsible for the fabric of the buildings and service costs and the parish councils were responsible for opening, closing and cleansing of the toilets.

Recent correspondence from the Parish Council had been circulated. This stated that a person had been identified to open and close the toilets and the Parish Council was advertising for a cleaner.

Members wished to impose a timescale for the completion of the partnership agreement. As the Parish Council was not due to meet again until 30th September, it was suggested that a further report be submitted to the November Committee Meeting. Officers were asked to liaise with the Parish Council to assist where possible with the recruitment process.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Committee notes the ongoing efforts of Willington Parish Council to appoint a toilet cleaner to enable the partnership agreement to be completed and the toilets to be re-opened.***
- (2) That Officers liaise with Willington Parish Council regarding the recruitment and advise that final determination of this matter will take place at the November meeting of the re-named Development and Environmental Services Committee.***

ES/32. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC TOILETS (Paragraph 7)

The Committee considered options for the disposal of public toilets at Newhall, Woodville and Repton.

T. SOUTHERD

CHAIR