

Meeting Communities and Place Review and Development Committee

Date 23 September 2020 (commencing at 10:30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Gordon Wheeler (Chairman)
Errol Henry (Vice-Chair)

Richard Butler
Andrew Brown **A**
Stephen Garner
John Longdon

David Martin
Liz Plant
Yvonne Woodhead

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Stuart Wallace for Andrew Brown

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Allmond - Chief Executive's Department
Doug Coutts - Via East Midlands Ltd
Martin Carnaffin - Place Department
Gary Wood - Place Department

1 CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment by the County Council on 11 June 2020 of Councillor Gordon Wheeler as Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Errol Henry as Vice-Chairman was noted.

2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Committee for the 2020-21 municipal year as Councillors Richard Butler, Errol Henry, Stephen Garner, John Longdon, David Martin, Liz Plant, Stuart Wallace, Gordon Wheeler and Yvonne Woodhead.

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2020 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apology for absence was reported:

Andrew Brown – other reasons

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HIGHWAY DRAINAGE REVIEW

The Committee considered a report which sought approval to take forward the recommendations contained within the report to Communities and Place Committee.

Once an issue regarding a blocked gully was reported, it would be passed to the drainage team who would investigate the matter and deploy a team to carry out any required works. It was hoped this would be completed within 2 weeks.

When scheduled gully cleaning was due to take place on a road where it was known that parked cars were an issue, letters would be posted to local residents in advance advising them to move their cars on the date it was due to take place. ACL attended 100% of the gullies set out in the programme of works for 2019-20 and successfully cleaned 96% of them.

RESOLVED 2020/05

That the recommendations contained in the report be taken forward to Communities and Place Committee

7 HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT – INTRODUCTORY REPORT

The Committee considered a report and detailed presentation which set out the work carried out by Highway Asset Management. The presentation referenced the guidance document 'Highway Infrastructure Asset Management' produced by UK Roads Liaison Group which set out a series of recommendations which all local Highway Authorities should employ to demonstrate they were following Asset Management principles in all aspects of Highway Maintenance Management.

Information on insurance claims relating to repairs to the highway following traffic accidents and how farmers were made aware of their responsibilities in relation to highways maintenance would be brought to a future meeting.

Concerns were raised regarding the maintenance of footways and cycle paths. A suggestion was made to enable local businesses to sponsor areas of footways.

Whilst this might not be possible due to the statutory duty of the council to maintain footways, it would be investigated.

It was agreed that the high level asset management leaflet would be circulated to members.

RESOLVED 2020/06

It was agreed that a report would be brought to the next committee covering the following areas:-

- 1) how the Council interacted with the public around asset management to increase awareness;
- 2) accident recovery – whether the Council is doing enough to recover money following damage to the highway caused by an accident;
- 3) cycling – investigate the provision and whether cycling provision is given high enough priority; and
- 4) footways – investigate the concerns raised by members regarding how footway maintenance is prioritised.

8 WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2020/07

That subject to including the agreed report on highway asset management to the November 2020 agenda, the Committee's work programme be agreed

The meeting concluded at 12.06 pm

Chairman