

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

24 January 2013

To: Chairman & Members of the Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee

1. Expenditure for 2012/2013 and Five Year Expenditure Summary

1.1 Attached as Appendix 1 is a breakdown of the current years expenditure, together with the last five year's average annual expenditure per Byeway.

2. Review of Maintenance and Anticipated Expenditure for 2013/2014

2.1 Councillor Ellington and the Council's Drainage Manager arranged an inspection of all the Byeways on 8th January 2013 in order to assess their current state and the likely level of maintenance required in the coming year. As a result of the extended wet Autumn & Winter periods, serious deterioration has taken place along the most frequently used sections. However, Cow Fen, Hale Road, Uttons Drove, Tipplers Drove and Middle Fen in particular are likely to require maintenance in the coming year.

2.2 It is recommended that the Committee advise the District Council to maintain the present level of maintenance and in view of the report of the Executive Director Corporate Services, to levy a charge of 90 pence per hectare for the period of 2013/2014.

For Discussion and Recommendation

3. Voluntary Maintenance Arrangements

3.1 At the meeting of the Advisory Committee in January 2012, it was decided to continue with the voluntary maintenance arrangements for the Byeways whereby the Chargepayers provide labour and plant to spread materials.

3.2 Under the current arrangements the District Council manages the maintenance programme and budget, ordering materials, collecting the rate etc, whilst Chargepayers voluntarily provide labour and plant to spread materials. This arrangement has worked reasonably well in the past and it is recommended that the same practices are applied for the coming year.

For Discussion and Recommendation

Mike Hill
Director – Health & Environmental Services

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Appendix 1

Expenditure 2012/2013			
Date	Byeway	Materials/Loads	Cost £
2012	Cow Fen	3 Loads Planings	390
2012	Uttons Drove/Tipplers	6 Loads Planings	780
2012	Mow Fen/Hale Road	5 Loads Planings	585
2012	River Fen/Middle Fen	2 Loads Planings + Contractor	265
		Total	2020

Byeway	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	5 Year Average
Cow Fen	480	-	750	390	390	402
Hale/Mow	465	457	1160	390	585	611
Scotland/Boxworth	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utton/Tipplers	590	942	1420	1720	780	1090
Middle Fen/River Fen	233	-	125	260	265	177
Brick Kiln						
Lairstall						
Turnbridge						