

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESOURCES DIRECTOR

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee

18th January 2006

1. The following background notes are provided as a reminder of the present position and as assistance in determining the amount to provide for maintenance.
 - 1.1 The Swavesey Bye-ways Act 1984 provides for an annual charge to be made to chargepayers expressed as a rate per hectare. The charge for 2005-2006 was set at 90 pence. A similar charge for 2006-2007 is estimated to produce an amount of £1,235.
 - 1.2 The cost of collecting the charge in 2006-2007 is £167. The cost can be minimised only if all chargepayers pay promptly and without the need for costly reminders.
 - 1.3 There was a credit of £612 in the chargepayers' account at 31st March 2005. An estimated debit balance of £31 was taken into account when setting this year's charge – this leaves an estimated balance of £643 in the chargepayers' account as at 31st March 2006 to be used to set against the 2006-07 charge.
 - 1.4 There will be an estimated balance of £3,868 in the contingency account at the end of 2005-2006 that is available for any emergency/special works, and it is suggested that £1,189 be added to the contingency account in 2006-2007.
 - 1.5 It is recommended to provide an amount of £2,400 for maintenance in 2006-2007.
 - 1.6 The budget for 2006-07 would then be:

	£	£
Expenditure		
Maintenance	2,400	
Collection costs	167	
Contingency	<u>1,189</u>	
		<u>3,756</u>
Income		
Chargepayers		
90 pence per hectare	(1,235)	
Balance in Chargepayers' account	<u>(643)</u>	
		(1,878) 50%
South Cambridgeshire District Council		(1,277) 34%
Swavesey Parish Council		<u>(601) 16%</u>
		<u>(3,756)</u>

- 1.7 The balance on the contingency account had increased in recent years as the maintenance budget had not always needed to be fully utilised and the deferred costs of the Local Act have now been paid.

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