

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

28th January 2014

To: Chairman & Members of the Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee

1. Expenditure for 2013/2014 and Five Year Expenditure Summary

1.1 Attached as Appendix 1 is a breakdown of the current year's 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 Councillors Ellington and Turner and the Council's Drainage Manager arranged an inspection of all the Byeways for 28th January 2014 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, it is expected that 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 2014/2015.

For Discussion and Recommendation

3. Voluntary Maintenance Arrangements

3.1 At the meeting of the Advisory Committee in January 2013, 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 2013/2014			
Date	Byeway	Materials/Loads	Cost £
2013	Cow Fen	5 Loads Planings	650
2013	Uttons Drove/Tipplers	9 Loads Planings	1170
2013	Mow Fen/Hale Road	6 Loads Planings	780
2013	River Fen/Middle Fen	2 Loads Planings	260
		Total	2860

Byeway	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	5 Year Average
Cow Fen	-	750	390	390	650	436
Hale/Mow	457	1160	390	585	780	674
Scotland/Boxworth	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utton/Tipplers	942	1420	1720	780	1170	1206
Middle Fen/River Fen	-	125	260	265	260	182
Brick Kiln						
Lairstall						
Turnbridge						