South Side Track Working Party Meeting

Monday 22nd January 2023

Location: Admirals Farm at 19:30

In Attendance: Cllr. P. Harry Cllr. K. Plummer Cllr. B. Herbert

Cllr. J. Jepson Cllr. G. Wright Mrs J. Spear (Clerk)

Cllr. J. Jepson provided the document as discussed at the end of the last working party meeting – Southside track Project, as provided.

The amount of bollards was discussed. But it was decided to propose keeping them as suggested in the proposal up to Caldew Cottage but add in posts to go around the corners where the concrete track joins on, as more can be added at a later date if needed. 700mm above the ground and 300mm below, (There is the gas pipe for the new housing estate that was installed last year should have been fitted 650mm below the ground so this shouldn’t be a problem and this was fitted through the green not the southside track).

Barrier size needs to discussed with its positioning on the track so as not to create a barrier for pedestrians.

The position on the track outside Chase End was discussed and it was agreed that it couldn’t be any further towards the station end of the track to stop anyone cutting the corner where the grass is to keep that protected, and there is a driveway there that doesn’t need to be blocked. There is a large brick wall in situ already and a concrete section in front of the wall already which will aid the positioning.

Station Road to BH’s house is lower than the track, and then from then on it’s the same height as the dwellings, it was discussed that we may need advice from an engineer regarding this and how to proceed. The road has to remain at the same height as it is now as it cannot be lower than the green on that side. There cannot be water sitting on the new track surface.

At the moment all the water stays on the track in the puddles, and can be splashed into peoples gardens, once the work is carried out this water will not be sitting on the track now it will be going straight out into the lower houses gardens. Some of these damp courses are much, much lower than the track so what happens if they do begin to flood the residents gardens. It was discussed that any houses that already have bad drainage problems now, this proposal won’t cure it, and the council won’t accept any responsibility for any further issues that maybe caused.

This is not going to be to an adoptable standard of road therefore the drainage is not going to be an issue for the parish council, neither is the width of the road or the depth of the surface that is being proposed to be laid.

Why a tarmac track in this area? Maintenance costs and cheaper to repair.

Proposals for the agenda:

To note the working group recommendation and discuss.

To discuss and agree to begin the tender process for the required project including:

* Preparation of Southside West Track for re-surfacing
* Tarmac Re-surfacing of SST west track
* Supply and Installation of vehicle barrier
* Supply and installation of timber bollards

To set a date for a consultation meeting with the Southside Residents recommended 21st February at 19:00.

The possibility of requesting donations for the project from residents, needs to be considered.