



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MARCH 2020

PRESENT: Councillor R Kingstone (Mayor), Councillors M Bailey, D Box, P Brindley, J Chesworth, R Bilcliff, T Clements, D Cook, M Cook, C Cooke, S Doyle, J Faulkner, R Ford, S Goodall, M J Greatorex, K Norchi, J Oates, S Peple, Dr S Peple, B Price, R Rogers and P Standen

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Rebecca Neill (Head of Audit & Governance and Monitoring Officer), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager) and Linda Ram (Public Relations Officer and Copywriter)

Apologies received from: Councillor(s) R Claymore, A Farrell, T Jay, M Oates, R Pritchard, S Pritchard, M Summers and P Thurgood

41 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor Dr S Peple)

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

43 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mayor R Kingstone announced the following;

“This is a really enjoyable part of the evening but in one sense its tinged with great sadness but it gives me great pleasure to present to somebody who can’t be with us tonight for obvious reasons but somebody who I was proud to serve with as ward Councillor for Mercian Ward the late and much respected Councillor Michael Greatorex, it is time to present Moira with Michaels Honorary Alderman certificate so if you would like to come forward Moira

We were also this evening due to bestow the title of Honorary Alderwoman to Maureen Gant who many of us remember from her years of service to this Council.

Maureen and Ken emailed me this morning to say that given medical advice and Ken's health at this moment they have decided to self-isolate, not that they are suffering with any symptoms but they will join us at a future Council meeting to receive the certificate so we will present that one later on in the year.

Presentation takes place

Councillor Brindley has informed us with regards to Aethelflaed. Did you want to say anything Councillor Brindley at this point, it's unusual but it's about the recent acknowledgment that Aethelflaed has been polled as the most influential woman in British history.

Councillor P Brindley announced the following

"Thank you Mr Mayor it was merely acknowledgment of the recent poll win for Aethelflaed and just to make everybody aware and see whether the Cabinet member had any questions or responses to her win."

Mayor R Kingstone announced the following;

"Thank you Councillor Brindley just for clarity I've got it written down here, she won the history channel poll to find the most influential woman in British History. Now I thought that was my wife because she certainly has an influence on me but it was real great acknowledgment for our town to hear that one of our great citizens of 1000 plus years gone by has received such an honour. Thank you for that Cllr Brindley."

Council Dr S People announced the following;

"Thank you Mr Mayor I was trying to get your attention with regards to the last matter but perhaps you will indulge me in that regard as we all know former Councillor Freeman of the Borough Ken Gant has not been well for some considerable time given the circumstances of not being able to make the presentation to Maureen tonight could I just ask that you as the Mayor keep an eye on the situation and I don't mean just because of Covid 19, but with his general poor health if there was any sense that he was less than well that maybe you could arrange the presentation all be it privately with the current circumstances but I know it would mean an enormous amount to him to see it presented I would just ask that in the special circumstances you keep an eye on that one between you and the Chief Executive Thank you."

Mayor R Kingstone announced the following;

"Thank you, yes in fact rather than wait I will make contact in the next few days to see if that's something they want to do sooner rather than later. We will take advice from them and make the decision but thank you for pointing that out."

Chief executive Andrew Barratt announced the following;

“Thank you Mr Mayor I think as everyone is aware the situation with the corona virus Covid 19 is at the moment changing daily, advice coming through from Government is sometimes slightly sparse and scant in detail and I really wanted to let you know what the organisation is doing in response to this.

As an organisation we have got some very robust business continuity plans and we are fully engaged with something called the Staffordshire resilience forum which is a collective of all Staffordshire authorities , police, fire, public health and we are all working to make sure that we are doing the right thing at the right time for our residents .

We have reviewed all of our critical areas at the moment and we are happy that we will be able to function as an authority but clearly now it is not business as usual we will be starting to prioritise our services and we will be starting to make some fairly difficult decisions in some time over which services get priority with this in mind we are going to have to review our public venues and potentially have to look at either short term closure or things of that like. We will also have to look at the outside events programme which is something we have been guided to by Government at this moment in time

We do remain as officers committed that we ensure we protect the most vulnerable in our society and that will remain.

We have some staff off displaying symptoms, we have some staff off self-isolating and we have some staff self-isolating because of their partners are displaying symptoms so at the moment we are running around 10% lighter than we would expect to at this time of year, on the positive everybody has responded well and everybody is doing more than we are asking of them.

I do have a plea for you, clearly at this time we are focusing on things that are slightly different to us and perhaps not core Council business, Staff will now be in the majority operating from home so it will be remote access to try and keep themselves isolated so, that may mean that responses to your questions are delayed and I apologise for that in advance but our main focus is making sure we deliver services to those who need it, ensuring people get paid benefits etc, people are in houses and we try to do the right thing for everybody Thank you Mr Mayor.”

Motion Without Notice from the Leader

Mr Mayor

I wish to move some motions without notice under rule 4.13.

We are in unprecedented times and must react according. It is right we work with Health bodies to protect local residents and the businesses in Tamworth, but also under a duty of care protect ourselves, officers and members of the public who attend our meetings.

We are aware the Government is due to issue emergency legislation and guidance this week to enable local government to continue to transact business. Details awaited but it is anticipated that it will allow for 'virtual' attendance going forward. At the moment it is a legal requirement that member have to be present at the meeting to take part and vote. We do understand that any changes to this are likely to be within the next week.

The motions today are as follows and hope for support from fellow members,

1. Given the nature of the emergency, all meetings are hereby cancelled from today until further notice (given the rules around holding an AGM and further advice of the Secretary of State is forthcoming), unless urgent business needs to be transacted, such as Cabinet, Planning and Licensing where non determination can be harmful to the business of the authority and the town.
2. With the above in mind, the Leader of Opposition, or a nominated representative, is invited to sit and speak at Cabinet meetings on the urgent business and offer the views of the opposition groups in committee. The Leader of the Council is permitted to do this under Article 7, 2.7.4.
3. That until further guidance is received from the Secretary of State, the 75% attendance rule for Councillors attendance at committees is hereby suspended to ensure that members continue to receive their full allowance during this time. This is an internal policy and not legislation and is just for this municipal year.
4. That the Assistant Director - People be tasked to ensure Councillors have communications technology as needed to continue their duties as needed.
5. The authority be given to the Leader and the Chief Executive Officer to put in place any government guidance and legislation into action to continue the business of the Council, such as virtual meeting and social distancing as needed. Also, the ability to move meetings to a suitable venue as required.
6. Following government advice over gatherings of people, Members note the need to postpone events, social gatherings and the like, initially until the end of March, this position is to be reviewed on a monthly basis or as and when further government advice is received.
7. That any room used for a meeting be deep cleaned immediately after said meeting.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor C Cook)

44 QUESTION TIME:

The Mayor proposed that the all answers be forwarded on block in writing to all Councillors and any supplementary questions will be answered by email.

(Moved by Councillor Dr. S Peaple and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

QUESTIONS FROM A MEMBER OF EXTINTCTION REBELLION NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, a Member of Extinction Rebellion will ask the Leader of the Council Councillor D Cook the following question:-

"Will the Council consider forming a Citizen Assembly regarding the issues involved by the climate crisis?"

Councillor D Cook gave the following answer;

"The Council declared a climate emergency last year and is committed to ensuring its own operations are net carbon zero by 2050 or earlier should it be able to do so.

To facilitate this, and to demonstrate our clear commitment to this very real issue, in next year's budget there is a sizable contingency budget set aside for us to undertake a carbon baseline study so we know the size of the problem we need to deal with.

Alongside this we are looking at carbon across the borough as a supporting document for our local plan refresh which is due to be completed by June 2020.

This will again inform us as to what interventions the Council is able to make.

We currently have not considered a citizens assembly, but will take account of this when our own baseline study is completed.

Basically, watch this space."

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor P Standen will ask the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Operational Service, Councillor J Chesworth, the following question:-

"On the 3rd March a press release was issued regarding Belgrave Lakes to be desilted as part of flood prevention work. Could the Cabinet member please advise what plans and dates the Council has to desilt the pond connected to dam on the Kettlebrooke within Wilnecote?"

Councillor J Chesworth gave the following answer;

“Stoneydelph dam does not form part of the A5 mitigation funding for flooding and as such is not included in the APEM report from 2012 which produced our current management plan for the balancing ponds.

It does however form part of the watercourses network in Tamworth and as such is regularly monitored and inspected, with routine maintenance undertaken to ensure the water flow is maintained.

Our inspections of the site have informed the decision that the Falcon dam holding pond would be next in line for desilting. However we do not have a specific date for this as funding need to be secured before we can commence the tender process.

The plan is to assess and desilt the Falcon site over the next 18 months depending on available funding and successful permissions, funding and tenders. The site is extremely challenging due to the geographical layout so the process is going to be both expensive and difficult to carry out.”

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor P Standen will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor D Cook, the following question:-

“At last week’s state of Tamworth debate one of the issues I raised was the Covid-19 virus and the potential impact on local people if they were required to self-isolate. I had hoped the Leader of the Council would have responded on this when summing up last week, hence the reason for asking this question. Can he confirm whether Tamworth Council will treat its tenants and other customers particularly the elderly, if they are unable to make payments such as rent, council tax and other payments with sensitivity and understanding and allow additional time to pay when people are self-isolating to protect themselves and our wider society from spreading this virus?”

Councillor D Cook gave the following answer;

“The Council’s existing approach to the recovery of monies owed to the Council encourages sensitivity to the individual circumstances and particular difficulties of households. The Council will apply this approach equally to those who are affected negatively by the Covid 19 virus including those required to self-isolate.

Clearly, we are monitoring the situation as it evolves and should it be necessary for more specific policies or approaches to be adopted then this will be put into place as part of the Council’s overall response to the virus.

We must also remember as part of the government support relating to COVID-19 announced during the Budget on 11 March, they will establish a £500m hardship fund to support “economically vulnerable people and households” and this will be administered by local authorities.”

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Dr S People will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor D Cook, the following question:-

“According to the statements issued to the Tamworth Herald, by the Leader, the State of Tamworth debate was a positive review of the future.

Would he therefore confirm that the cross-party approach to the HSF bid which was promised, by Cllr Oates, at the Council Meeting on 4th March will be extended to include the emerging masterplan of the Gungate regeneration project?”

Councillor D Cook gave the following answer;

“I have no intention of over-riding Cllr Oates offer of a cross party working group on the FHSF. In regards the wider town centre I have considered the matter and pending TOR agreement I am happy to set this up as a cross party working group.”

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Dr S People will ask the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Operational Service, Councillor J Chesworth, the following question:-

“When does Councillor Chesworth expect to be able to bring forward an IT Strategy for discussion at Scrutiny committee?”

Councillor J Chesworth gave the following answer;

“The ICT strategy is currently in draft form and in consultation with stakeholders. IS&G Scrutiny have set up a working group consisting of Cllr Ford, Cllr Bilcliff and Cllr Goodall to provide feedback from a member perspective, the date for the first meeting is yet to be confirmed.

Following engagement with the working group, the completed strategy will go to scrutiny in the new Municipal Year and subsequently Cabinet for approval.”

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor B Price will ask the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory & Community Safety, Councillor S Doyle, the following question:-

As a councillor whose ward is at risk of flooding, will the Cabinet member join me in welcoming the news that the Conservative Government is investing in flood defences at the recent budget, including money allocated for Tamworth?"

Councillor S Doyle gave the following answer;

"Yes, I am delighted to hear that the Government has targeted a package of new measures both within Tamworth and the wider Country aimed at improving the flood defences.

Also, I believe that it will be welcomed by many of the Residents and Businesses in those areas at risk.

I believe that the Government will be investing in Tamworth an estimated £7 million pound towards improved flood defences."

The following supplementary question was asked;

"In the light of the recent threat to Tamworth by heavy rain and flooding could you tell me what support there is to combat this threat?"

Councillor S Doyle gave the following response;

"I would advise the local Borough Councillor to direct Residents towards the Tamworth Borough Council Website which sign posts to other agencies and Government advice.

Although I would advise that the flood defences and their management I believe are covered by the Environment Agency.

There are a number of useful links on the TBC site page; there is also the Government website setup to help those Businesses and individuals affected by flooding.

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/recovering-after-a-flood>

Their initial advice is as follows: "If you've been flooded, contact your insurance company and follow their advice. If you haven't got insurance, the [National Flood Forum](#) can offer help and support on 01299 403055"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor R Ford will ask the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory & Community Safety, Councillor S Doyle, the following question:-

“Fly-tipping is becoming a growing issue in Tamworth and the surrounding area. Rogue tradesmen and illegal waste companies are using roads that many residents of Tamworth use as places to dispose of their waste. Could the portfolio holder inform me of what the council is doing to tackle this growing issue?”

Councillor S Doyle gave the following answer;

“Fly-Tipping is an issue that Tamworth Council takes a very dim view of, we work very closely with our Partners to identify and prosecute those we identify.

As a Local authority we also have the ability to issue on the spot penalties of up to £200 for anyone caught fly tipping.

In more recent times changes to Environmental Policy and the law has led to the issuing of permits and the Licensing of legitimate Waste Collection and Disposal, this was designed to make it easier to identify rogue individuals looking to cut corners and fly-tip the waste they collect.

More recently a revue of the Environmental Crime Enforcement Policy has also taken place with an increase in the fines associated with flying tipping and recent changes to national policy and also Section 5 and the use of CCTV in certain instances.

This will lead to a more effective and straight forward policy and a clearer message to those who do part take in fly-tipping we will prosecute and expect heavy fines.

Fly tipping is a criminal offense under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 punishable by unlimited fine and/or five years imprisonment. “

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor T Jay will ask the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory & Community Safety, Councillor S Doyle, the following question:-

“Will the cabinet join me in condemning the mindless individual that broke into Tamworth BMX Club’s hut and stole bikes intended for children’s use?”

Councillor S Doyle gave the following answer;

"I whole heartedly condemn the mindless actions taken at the Tamworth BMX Club in Deltic, Glascote, during late February.

From the Owners it's is clear that the theft is costly to themselves, I believe around £2,500? To replace the 10 BMX Bikes.

And I would encourage them to apply for a grant to the Cabinet Sub-Grants in order to help raise funds to repair any damage done and towards the costs for new security measures and bikes for the Club.

I would urge any member of the Community who can identify these individuals to contact Staffordshire Police on 101 and refer to Incident 320 of February 29th.

The following supplementary question was asked;

"Would the Portfolio Holder join me in thanking Tamworth BMX Club for the work they do with local children. I hope this minor setback doesn't distract from their great achievements."

Councillor S Doyle gave the following response;

"Yes, I support you in commending the Tamworth BMX Club for the work they do with the younger generations in the town and the promotion itself of Tamworth and the club in their achievements on the track.

I wish them every success in the future and look forward to seeing them recover from the theft."

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO.8

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor M Summers will ask the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Operational Services, Councillor J Chesworth, the following question:-

"Will the cabinet member please outline what the council is doing to support the Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean campaign?"

Councillor J Chesworth gave the following answer;

"The Keep Britain Tidy campaign was running from March 20 to April 13 and aims to bring people across the country together to help tidy our streets, parks and countryside. These activities will now take place in September.

As part of the Great British Spring Clean, Tamworth Borough Council will encourage more groups and individuals to join the campaign, lend a hand and declare that litter pollution is not acceptable.

Anyone who would like to organise a litter pick in their area will be asked to contact the Street Scene team who will advise on locations that need attention,

provide litter pickers and bags, give health and safety advice and arrange for bagged waste to be collected. If anyone would like to join an organised pick, details of planned dates will be available on the Tamworth Borough Council website.

Any residents who would like to get involved are also welcome to join Tamworth Volunteer Litter Pickers Facebook group and become a part of a community of local residents picking litter."

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor S Goodall will ask the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Operational Services, Councillor J Chesworth the following question:-

"In relation to the desilting taking place on Belgrave lakes. Can the cabinet member reassure me and my residents that trees are only taken out where necessary and the council would not remove trees for no reason.

Councillor J Chesworth gave the following answer;

"The Belgrave Lakes desilting project is absolutely vital to the area's flood management programme and overall will significantly enhance and benefit the local environment.

The Belgrave balancing ponds exist purely to store and divert rainwater to prevent flooding across the area. Therefore regular desilting must take place to remove the build-up of dirt and debris which eventually reduces the capacity of the ponds and therefore their ability to prevent flooding.

Of the hundreds of trees on site, 17 of the more established trees have been removed for this project, together with some smaller 'self-setters' and whips. The impact of the removal of 17 trees, plus an area of planted whips, is small. The trees were removed before the bird breeding season began and so disruption was minimised. Only a small number of established trees were removed. The areas of whips which were removed were still young and can be readily replaced with planting elsewhere on the site. The majority of trees that were removed (those around the car park) were in an area prone to increased levels of disruption and pollution and were chosen as a preferable alternative to removing one large, established tree that provided a greater habitat and biodiversity value. The copses and established trees populating the rest of the area remain unaffected.

No-one likes removing trees and it's never done without careful consideration, but in this case the overall environmental benefits far outweigh the unavoidable loss of the trees."

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 10

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor R Bilcliff will ask the Leader of the Council, the following question:-

“Given the extent of our High Street Funding proposals, when can Councillors expect to see planned expenditure with respect to time, if we are successful in the bid?”

Councillor D Cook gave the following answer;

“As part of the final bid submission there will have to be quite a detailed “order of magnitude” spend plan given which indicates how any grant funding will be spent up to the 2024 deadline

As was made clear to all Members at the recent Council meeting and its reports, there is a further meeting in June, to approve the final submission to government, this will include an indicative programme of works/spend.

I advise Cllr Bilcliff to have another flick through the confidential report.”

The following supplementary question was asked;

“If we are successful in the bid, we will have to capture & report on our town centre footfall for 4 years, maybe longer. To achieve this we need to have footfall data from before. I asked about Tamworth footfall with regards to the Ladybridge improvement scheme, where it was claimed footfall would improve, yet after extensive enquiries, I was told there was no such data available either before or after. Could the Leader therefore inform full council if footfall is currently being gathered, planned or has been costed?”

Councillor D Cook gave the following response;

The next stage of the business case process requires us to look at monitoring and evaluation in full detail, through the management case.

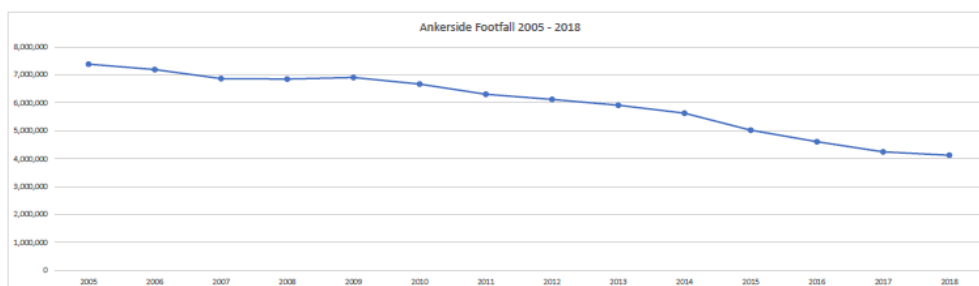
It is a compulsory part of the fund that we monitor footfall and provide this to Government on an annual basis, so we will have to do this for at least up to March 2024, but most likely beyond this time. How we do this is up to each Town, however we are currently looking at options. This will emerge during the next few months. There are many different ways footfall can be counted, so the Council needs to find the most effective solution. Once we know which method we will use, costs will be sourced through our normal procurement channels.

Historically, the figure of 42% comes from Ankerside. They have given permission for me to share it with you.

It is as below on the table

Ankerside Footfall

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	7,381,849	7,188,988	6,863,318	6,849,683	6,903,724	6,669,335	6,304,030	6,119,716	5,911,115	5,628,431	5,020,219	4,608,845	4,243,404	4,132,692
Y-O-Y		-2.68%	-4.71%	-0.23%	0.78%	-3.51%	-5.79%	-3.01%	-3.53%	-5.02%	-12.12%	-8.93%	-8.61%	-2.93%



QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 11

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor R Bilcliff will ask the Portfolio Holder for Assets & Finance, Councillor R Pritchard the following question:-

“Given Stonydelph is suffering more than most Tamworth Wards due to over-development by both this and other neighbouring authorities. Could the Portfolio Holder please inform full council how much funding from S106 or CIL payments over the last 4 years has been invested in Stonydelph.”

Councillor R Pritchard gave the following answer;

“I grew up in Stonydelph and it was my home for 24 years. However I am not sure to which over development the member is referring to, and apart from a bit of development around Malham Road, the ward has hardly changed since I was a child.

To answer the specific question about spending, it’s difficult to be 100% sure at such short notice, but I understand there has been s106 spending by us is £56,175.00 on Kettlebrook LNR and £26,302.00 on pay facilities at Rainscar play area.

There may have been additional spending by Staffordshire County Council on schools and highways, but as they are a signatory to the agreements, any monies would be paid directly to them and they would be responsible for any spending.

There has been no CIL money spent anywhere in the borough to date”

The following supplementary question was asked;

“CIL Regulations places a duty on charging authorities to allocate at least 15% of CIL receipts to spend on priorities, which should be agreed with the local community in areas where development is or has taking place. It’s known as the CIL neighbourhood portion (CNP). Could the Portfolio Holder please inform full council if Tamworth Borough Council has set up such a scheme?”

Councillor R Pritchard gave the following response;

Tamworth Borough Council are in the process of setting up a process for spending CIL income. This is because we have only recently collected some money. We will also need to decide on a process for spending the 15% neighbourhood portion of CIL.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 12

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor S Pritchard will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor D Cook, the following question:-

Will the Leader of the Council join me in calling for Highways England to do more to clean the A5 bypass?

Councillor D Cook gave the following answer;

“Under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Tamworth Borough Council has a statutory responsibility to cleanse the A5 bypass.

Grounds maintenance, lighting and carriageway repairs fall to Highways England, who sub contract these works to several contractors.

Street Scene de-litter the whole of the A5 Bypass that falls within the Tamworth Boundary four times a year, from the canal bridge just before Ventura through to Green Lane this side of the M42 junction with the A5.

Working on or adjacent to high speed dual carriageways has been classed as a hazardous activity and we must obey safety guidance issued by the Health & Safety Executive, Highways England and other sources in order to protect our workforce from harm. (Guidance attached)

Our access to the A5 is also limited by the following situations:-

- Accidents & Emergencies
- Vehicle Breakdowns
- Traffic Flow (we are unable to undertake these works if doing so compromises normal traffic flow)
- Busy Periods (we are unable to undertake these works between 07.00 – 09.30 & 15.00 18.00)
- Periods of reduced visibility (including rain, sleet, snow, fog etc.)
- Low light levels (periods where low sun has a negative impact on driver visibility and dark mornings and evenings)

The extremely wet weather over the last few weeks has meant that the grass verges and banks are currently too soft to allow our operatives access safely, this situation is improving and as soon as these are dry enough to allow safe working conditions we will commence our programmed 8 weekly by-pass de-littering works on the main carriageway.

However, we are able to access the slip road areas from Asda to the A5 bypass and the slip road from the M42 junction to Pennine Way which are currently being de-littered.

Please note: The M42 / A5 junction and the dual carriageway that accesses the Tamworth Services does not fall within the Tamworth boundary, and is the responsibility of North Warwickshire BC for cleansing.

All that said Mr Mayor, I am happy to write to HE to discuss what more can be done.”

The Mayor