

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 14TH 2020

Item 18. Correspondence & Clerks Report

1. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2020 (all at the Parish Hall)

Tuesday February 11 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday March 10 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday March 24 th , 7.30pm	Main Room – This is the Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday April 14 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday May 12 th , 7pm	Rear extension – This is the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday June 9 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday July 14 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday September 8 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday October 13 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday November 10 th , 7pm	Rear extension
Tuesday December 8 th , 7pm	Rear extension

- 2. Pollards Moor Road Sewer Issue** – A summary of my correspondence with Southern Water on this matter is attached as an appendix to this report

- 3. Southampton Road Layby, Bartley** – HCC Highways have advised that *“A proposed Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is applied annually to this lay by to permit the area to be used for chipping storage and barriers will be applied on temporary basis as they have been in previous years. A TTRO is a straightforward mechanism for allowing temporary closure to the highway for the purposes of completing highways or other works, such as those carried out by public utility companies.” A 2020 Order will be processed to cover an 18 month period from 17th June 2020 so the closure will be seamless through the construction season. Within this Order we will look to ensure that parking restrictions can be enforced throughout this time.”*

- 4. Riparian Responsibilities** – On January 6th I received a letter from a resident of the Parish concerning a lack of maintenance of drainage ditches/culverts on nearby properties that has recently caused an issue for her parents on their property. She has sent me copies of letters sent to the property owners concerned politely requesting action and I have asked her to let me know by Friday January 17th if that has had the desired effect before the Council decides how best to support her with the issue.

- 5. Advisory Committees** - I am aware of the following meetings that have been scheduled:-
Finance – Feb 27th 2020 (10am)
5 Year Plan – Feb 27th 2020 (12pm)

David Rigby, Parish Clerk

APPENDIX TO CLERKS REPORT - POLLARDS MOOR ROAD – SEWER BURST – NOV/DEC 2019

Initial Southern Water Response – December 20th 2019

Re: Pollards Moor Road, Copythorne, SO40 2NZ

Thank you for your email received on 6 December 2019, about the repair works that have taken place on the above road and the effect it has on the local area when the road is closed. I'm sorry you have had to contact us about this issue and I appreciate the inconvenience it causes the residents.

The cause of the bursts

I can see from your email that you have been advised by an on-site engineer that the bursts are due to the pipe being made of Pitch Fibre. I have asked the Investigation Technician for your area if this is correct. He has confirmed the recent bursts are not due to the pipe material. They are in relation to the recent rising main bursts that have occurred at Pollard Moor Waste Pumping Station. I have asked for further clarification about this issue and I will contact you again when I have a suitable response.

Long term solution

I have asked the County Customer Manager for your area if there is any long term solution planned to combat the frequency of the rising main bursts. At the time of writing I do not have a response to my question. I will contact you again with an update no later than 6 January 2019.

Clerks Reply – December 20th 2019

Thank you for your initial reply.

Whilst you and the local team continue to investigate the issues raised I do I have a few additional questions arising from the response so far:-

1. The latest repair took place nearly 600 metres from the Pollards Moor Waste Pumping Station, so why would an issue at the pumping station cause the burst so far from it?
2. If the repaired pipe was not of a "pitch fibre" construction then what was it made of?
3. One of my councillors who is better versed in drainage matters than I am has asked "*in respect of the pumping station how many operational pumps does it have and what are their KW capacity*"?

Southern Water follow up responses – January 6th 2020

I am writing further to my email of 20 December 2019 about the repair works that have taken place on the above road and the effect it has on the local area when the road is closed. I appreciate your patience in waiting for my response. I will also cover the further questions you asked on your second email received on 20 December.

The pipe material

You were originally advised by an engineer that the bursts on the pipe were due to them being Pitch Fibre pipework. The Investigation Technician has confirmed that this is not the material used in the pipes at the above address. They are made from Glass Reinforced Plastic. Pitch Fibre was used mainly in the 1960s for gravity fed domestic pipework. It was never used for mains pipes, due to it being unable to handle the high pressure that would be needed.

Location of the burst

In your second email you ask why the burst would have occurred so far away from the pumping station. The Investigation Technician advised the distance from the pumping station is not a factor in the cause of the burst. The number of bursts on the pipe are mainly due to the age of the pipework and weaknesses in the pipe. When the pressure in the pipe changes these weaknesses cause the pipe to burst. Ideally, we would regularly replace older pipes but due to budgetary constraints this is not always possible. We will always, however, respond to any bursts that occur and we will attend to repair as soon as we can. The more bursts that occur on a section of pipe work will make it a higher priority to replace, but at present there are no plans to replace the pipe work in question.

Pumping station capacity

You ask how many operational pumps are used at the pumping station and what the KW capacity is. The investigation Technician has advised the two questions you have raised are not indicative of the capacity of the pumping station. He has provided a figure of 80 litres of waste per second as the capacity that the pumping station is designed to process.
