

APPENDIX 2

MINUTE EXTRACT FROM

COUNCIL 23rd March, 2006

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Armstrong, Baldwin, Bristow, Copeland, Dixon, Flowers, Francis, Galletley, Harker, Hartley, Haszeldine, Heaney, Holmes, Hughes, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. Jones, S. Jones, Lawton, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. Lyonette, J. Lyonette, Maybrey, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Reynolds, Richmond, Roberts, F.S. Robson, Ruck, A. J. Scott, Mrs. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, Mrs. Swift, Thistlethwaite, Vasey-Smith, J. Vasey, L. Vasey, Walker, Williams and Wilson. (47)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs. Brown, Foster, Mrs. Hart, Hutchinson, Maddison and Wallis. (6)

105. PEDESTRIAN HEART GAS MAIN DIVERSION – The Director of Development and Environment submitted a report (previously circulated) explaining the circumstances in which an unexpectedly shallow gas main was found during the course of the Pedestrian Heart works and seeking approval to the release of the funding necessary to enable the scheme to progress.

The submitted report outlined the investigation work/surveys carried out during the planning period of the Pedestrian Heart Scheme which had failed to accurately assess the depth of the gas pipe; and the recommended works to divert the gas main to enable the Pedestrian Heart Scheme to progress in accordance with the approved scheme, together with the estimated cost of the diversion works.

RESOLVED – (a) That the chronological lighting from the current programme of work for the pedestrian heart be omitted, thus releasing funding of £140,000 towards the gas main costs.

(b) That additional funding up a maximum of £640,000 for the diversion of the gas main and consequential reprogramming be approved.

(c) That this issue to be referred to Scrutiny for a full investigation, specifically how the position of the gas pipe failed to be detected during the preliminary checks and surveys.

REASON – To enable that the construction of the Pedestrian Heart scheme to proceed in accordance with the scheme that has been designed and approved.