

Date: 1st March 2018

Title: Report Item 7 – Highway Drainage

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on a request received from the Gilbert Estate that a roadside soakaway be installed on parish council land

Recommendations: To note the report and endorse the recommendation of the Planning Committee that the request be approved

The ESCC Highways Department has requested the Gilbert Estate to arrange for two roadside gullies to be installed on Gilbert's Drive because rainwater currently runs off the road and soaks into the field and recreation ground. The gullies will trap the water and take it underground to a soakaway, which will drain into the chalk. Owing to the position of a high voltage cable and a sewer, the soakaway will need to be positioned in a field owned by the Estate adjacent to 10 The Fridays. However, because the ground level is higher in this field, extra digging will be required and extra soil will have to be carted away. Therefore, there will be extra cost. On the other hand, the contractor has advised that it would be about £4,300 cheaper to position the soakaway on the recreation ground. The Estate therefore seeks Parish Council approval to position the soakaway on the recreation ground.

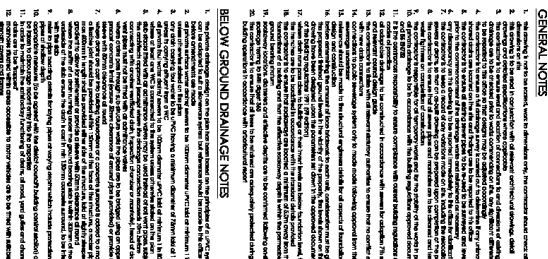
The contractor will need to know the decision fairly soon and if an affirmative decision is forthcoming by 3rd March, Mr Davies Gilbert is prepared to share the saving with the Parish Council in the sum of £3000 + up to £300 for any legal fees.

The attached plan shows the drainage gulleys and the two possible soakaway locations. Also attached and below is the soakaway detail drawing and answers to some of the questions which might arise:

- The soakaway will improve drainage
- Only a standard size manhole cover will be visible on the surface. No other visible differences will occur
- Vehicles could drive over the soakaway.
- ESCC would be responsible for maintenance of the gulleys and soakaway
- ESCC would require a Licence agreement from the PC to allow them access for maintenance.

- Installation work is expected to last no more than 5 days, but 12 days should be allowed for.
- Alternative vehicle and pedestrian access to the recreation ground can be provided during this time.
- The ground would be made good and grassed over on completion.

The parish council's Planning Committee gave preliminary consideration to this request as Urgent Business at their meeting on 20 February, though the item had not been listed on the agenda. Their recommendation to the full council is that the request should be approved, subject to the payment of £3,000 plus all legal fees by the Estate. The draft Minutes of the meeting, Item P.880b



Client

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Limited

Project

Rock Construction Ltd

Job

**Proposed Development of
Land Adjacent the Hiddys
Creek, Hiddys Dam, East Devon**

Contract No

04/03/01

Contract Type

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Operative

ICR

Contract No

1/200

Issue Date

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**Site Plan Showing Drainage
and External Works**

