

**Notice of meeting of
Decision Session - Environmental Services**

To: Councillor Levene (Cabinet Member)

Date: Tuesday, 7 August 2012

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York.

AGENDA

Calling In.

Notice to Members - Calling In:

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1. Declarations of Interest

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2. Minutes

(Pages 3 - 4)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2012.

3. Public Participation - Decision Session

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Any written representations should be with the Democracy Officer by **5pm on Friday 3rd August 2012.**

4. Petition for additional Street Lighting at (Pages 5 - 34) Holly Tree Croft, Dunnington.

This report follows on from a petition which was presented by Cllr Brooks on behalf of Dunnington residents. The petition asks for an extra street light to be placed in the snicket located at the bottom of Holly Tree Croft.

5. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Cabinet Member considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

Democracy Officer:

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR CRIME & STRONGER COMMUNITIES
DATE	15 MAY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS FRASER (CABINET MEMBER)

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting the Cabinet Member is asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests he may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

26. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session for Communities and Neighbourhoods held on 17 April 2012 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

27. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

A written representation had been received from Councillor Ann Reid and attached to the online agenda. Officers confirmed they had responded to Councillor Reid directly.

28. REVIEW OF CITY CENTRE BINS.

The Cabinet Member considered a report which proposed number and locations of bins to be removed and or replaced and the options for their replacements. The report asked for a decision to be made on the number of bins to be removed and a reduction in the options for replacements.

Officers outlined the report, in particular the following points:

- Many existing bins in the city centre footstreets and adjoining areas are in need of replacement.
- Reducing the number of bins and standardising the style of bins down to two which would then be used within the Reinvigorate York Design Manual.
- No increase of litter was noted after the removal of six standard bins during a trial of a solar powered compactor bin in Kings Square.
- Consultation had been carried out and a mixture of views had been reported.

The Cabinet Member commented that he had a preference for the bin shown at annex 3 to the report and that he was happy to approve Option 2 as per the Officers recommendation.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services approved Option 2 and agreed to the following:

- (i) The removal of 60 old bins
- (ii) Replacing the remaining 40 bins with new smaller bins, and expressed a preference for the bin shown at annex 3 of the report.
- (iii) Installing 13 solar powered bins.

REASON: To improve the appearance and maintenance of the public realm and set standards for the future provision of city centre bins.

Councillor Fraser, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.40 pm].



**Decision Session – Cabinet Member for
Environmental Services****7th August 2012**

Report of Assistant Director (Highways, Fleet and Waste Services)

**Street Lighting – Residents Petition for Improvements in Holly Tree
Croft Snicket, Dunnington****Summary**

1. This report follows on from a petition which was presented by Cllr Brooks on behalf of Dunnington residents. The petition asks for an extra street light to be placed in the snicket located at the bottom of Holly Tree Croft. A street lighting engineer has investigated the location and the report outlines options for the Cabinet Member to consider and decide.

Background

2. Upon receiving the petition (**Annex A**) including 38 names (37 signed) the street lighting engineer conducted a survey of the alleyway to ascertain the viability of placing an extra street light in the snicket. The footpath is located between 22 and 23 Holly Tree Croft and connects to a further footpath on a track leading to Holly Tree Lane. The path itself is roughly 30m long and 1.5m wide. On the side of number 22 a hedge and a wooden fence runs the full length of the footway, whereas on the side of number 23 the fence runs half the length due to a driveway opening up the area. The nearest street lighting to the pathway is approximately 4m from the entrance to the path in Holly Tree Croft and a similar distance on the track.

The appearance of the path is narrow and the surrounding greenery gives the impression of it being enclosed. Beyond the snicket, both areas are relatively well lit. Photographs are provided at **Annex B**.

Consultation

3. The Safer York Partnership has provided information as set out in Para 19.

Options

4. Option 1: To install a 6m tall 42 watt fluorescent light at mid point on the footway. The column would need to be a raise and lower type to allow access for maintenance. This would allow the snicket to be lit to current standards.
5. Option 2: To leave the snicket as it is.

Analysis

6. Whilst an extra light would bring this relatively short stretch of pathway to current standards, the street lighting engineer feels there are a number of issues to consider:
7. The pathway is narrow and a street light installation of any type would encroach taking up to 0.5m out of the footway. This would severely restrict the movement along the footway potentially preventing wheelchairs and motorised scooters from using it.
8. The close proximity of properties and their windows is likely to cause issue with complaints of light spill and encroachment, something that wouldn't be able to be shielded in this instance.
9. The height of shrubs and nearby trees is very likely to cause issue blocking any new light negating the desired effect.

Council Plan Priorities

10. This complies with our corporate priorities by protecting the environment and being completely in touch with the communities.

Implications

11. This report has the following implications:
 - **Financial** (*Contact – Director of Resources*) – A new lighting column would impact on current maintenance budgets in the absence of Ward funding.
 - **Human Resources (HR)** (*Contact – Head of HR*) – There are no HR implications.

- **Equalities** (Contact – Equalities Officer) – A new light would likely impact on accessibility along the foot ways for the less able bodied.
- **Legal** (Contact – Head of Legal and Democratic Services) – There is currently no legal requirement or compulsion to light a highway, but where we do we must light it to the relevant standards at the time of installation.
- **Crime and Disorder** (Contact - Senior Partnerships Support Officer, Community Planning & Partnerships) – Safer York Partnership has confirmed there has not been any reports of anti social behaviour at this location.
- **Information Technology (IT)** (Contact – Head of IT)
- **Property** (*Contact – Property*)
- **Other**

Risk Management

12. There are no further risks from this scheme.

Recommendations

13. The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve Option 2, to leave the snicket as it is:
 - a. Reason:

The street light would cause an obstruction and likely nuisance to neighbouring properties. Its effectiveness would also be compromised by surrounding greenery. There are currently no specific budgets for additional street lights within the street lighting maintenance budget.

Contact Details

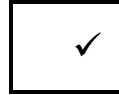
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Roger Ranson
Assistant Director (Highways, Fleet and
Waste)

**Report
Approved**



Date 7/8/12

Specialist Implications Officer(s)

Wards Affected: Dunnington

For further information please contact the author of the report.

Background Papers:

None

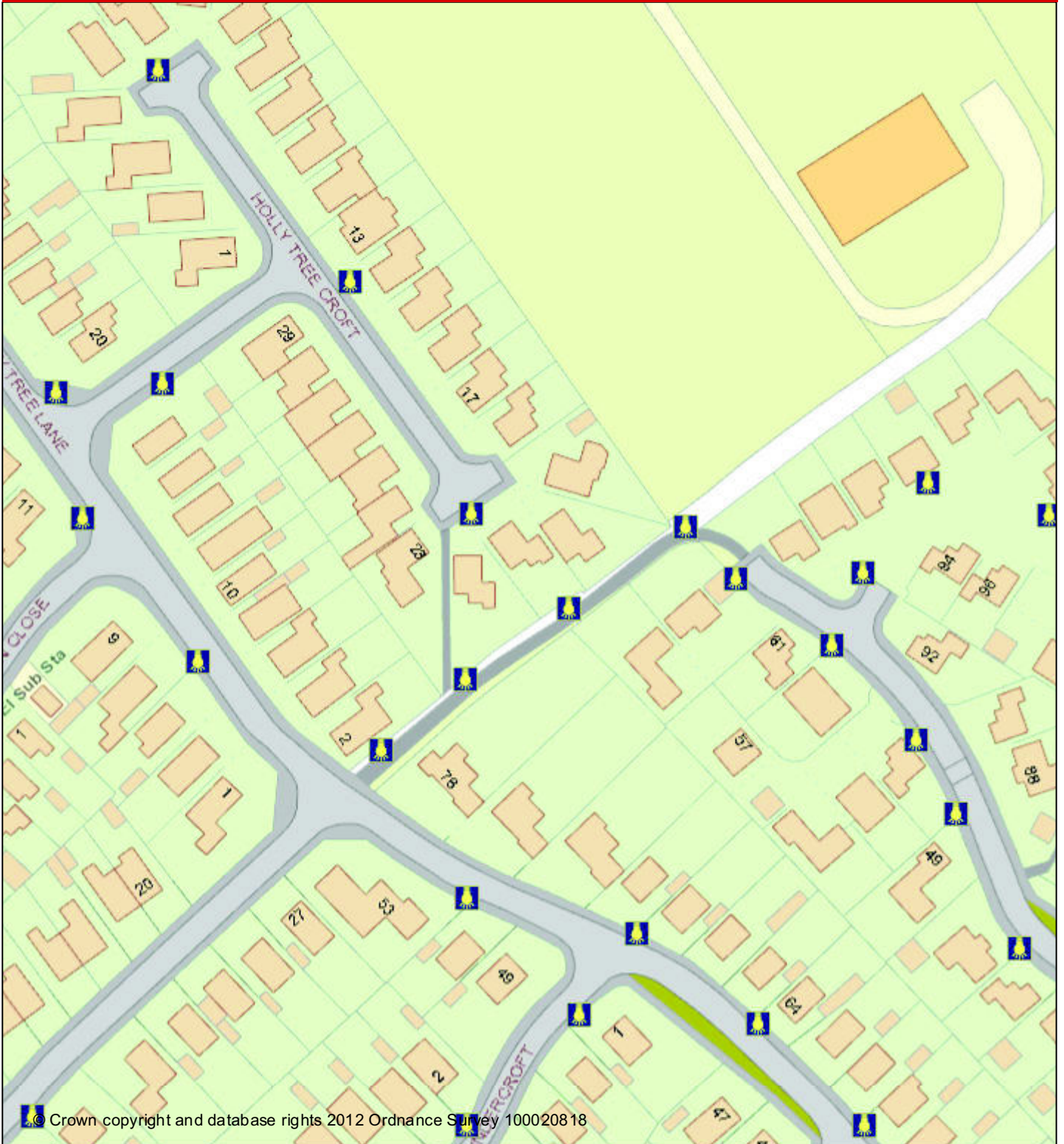
Annexes

Annex A – Petition from Dunnington residents

Annex B – Photographs of the snicket







Map Notes:

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Cabinet Member Decision Session for Environmental Services

Tuesday 7th August 2012 at 4pm

Name	Agenda Item	Comments
Councillor Brooks	4 Street Lighting at Holly Tree Croft	<p>This issue is of obvious concern to the residents of Holly Tree Croft. Therefore, if you cannot agree to option1, I would ask you to consider an alternative option put forward by a resident that the nearest light on the path to the south of snicket be moved next to the corner of the snicket. This would not impair movement down the snicket and the residents feel it would cast sufficient light. It should also be less expensive and it could be argued that as it is lighting the path it does not have to meet the criteria for adequately lighting the snicket.</p> <p>Kind regards.</p> <p>Jenny</p>
Robin Robson Local Resident	4	<p><u>I have 3 comments to make:</u></p> <p>1. Two options appear on the agenda paper for the Decision Session. The first one is to install light midway up the ginnel. This would certainly solve the problem of the dark alley, and would be a solution to the problem. It would be possibly a little more expensive than the suggested option 3: see below.</p> <p>2. The second option is to do nothing. This, I would suggest, is no way forward for an issue which remains a real concern for the local residents (as shown</p>

		<p>by the returns from a brief questionnaire sent out last Autumn and which are to be found amongst the meeting papers)</p> <p>3. I think there should be a 3rd option to add to the two already noted on the agenda paper: move the nearest lamppost on the path through to Kerver Lane so that it stands at the end of the ginnel, thus throwing light up the pathway. As this has been discussed it is a pity that it has not been stated as a third option. Around about £1000 is a figure I have heard quoted to facilitate the move of the lamp.</p> <p>Thanks you for considering these points.</p> <p>Robin Robson</p>
<p>Gillian Shaw Local Resident</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>I use the snicket at least four times a day. I use it in the early morning (7.15am) on my way to the bus stop and again at night (5.05pm) on my return. I also use it at about 7.15pm and again at 10pm when I visit my elderly mother. It is not so bad in the summer when you have light mornings and evenings but with the shortening of daylight hours especially in the winter time the snicket is extremely dark. You can't see your way down it. The snicket is frequently used by school children on their way to school, dog walkers not to mention my elderly Mother. The path at the end where it joins with the public right of way has a dip and bits of broken path. I have twisted my ankle in the dark on a couple of occasions not to mention when the dip fills up with water and you tread in it. The lighting in the public right of way does</p>

		<p>not shine into the snicket. I admit the snicket is narrow and a light may well comprise the width if it was placed in the middle but I am sure there must be some street lamps that have a pole type base.</p> <p>I know that there are a number of trees in the gardens either side of the snicket but even in the winter when the trees lose their leaves it is still dark. As for residents properties and the windows being in close proximity and likely to render complaints, I would point out that one of those residents whose property joins the snicket was indeed the person who instigated the petition.</p> <p>Whilst I am unaware of any reported crime as a direct result of the snicket, there are sometimes young people hanging around at the bottom of it at the junction with the public right of way and it has been used as a getaway for burglars in the past who have disposed of the unwanted items in the snicket.</p> <p>I would urge the Cabinet Member to pass a motion calling on option 1. Which is to install a light in the snicket.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Gillian Shaw</p>
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