

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2019

ITEM No: 10 – To discuss possible tasks for the Lengthsman

1. Background

In the budget for the current financial year to March 31 2020, the Parish Council allocated £2,000 for tasks to be undertaken by the Lengthsman. In addition to this sum, can be added the £1,000 that Hampshire County Council ("HCC") currently provides each year for Lengthsman tasks. Giving a total budget for 2019/20 of £3,000.

2. Current Position

So far, the Council has spent £590 of the £1,000 provided by HCC along with £47 of the budgeted £2,000. Leaving £2,363 available.

3. Options for Spending

Attached to this report is a list of the tasks that the Lengthsman is and isn't allowed to undertake (Appendix 1)

4. Next Steps

Some suggestions have already been made by the members of the Flooding Advisory Committee in respect of flooding prevention and these are also attached (Appendix 2)

Having regard to Appendix 1, councillors are invited to make suggestions as to how the remaining funds could be most wisely and beneficially used. Suggestions are to be received by the Clerk by Friday December 20th.

The Clerk will then consider the priority of the tasks and discuss them and their likely cost with the Lengthsman and report back to Cllr. Herra early in January 2020 with a view to getting as many tasks as are appropriate and feasible undertaken in January/February 2020.

David Rigby
Clerk/RFO
December 3rd 2019

APPENDIX 1

LENGTHSMANS TASKS

Allowed:-

Drainage

- Clearing existing drainage grips
- Maintaining ditches
- Cleaning channels
- Clearing outfalls
- Rodding pipes (off highway)

Signage

- Cleaning (non-illuminated)
- Minor Repairs

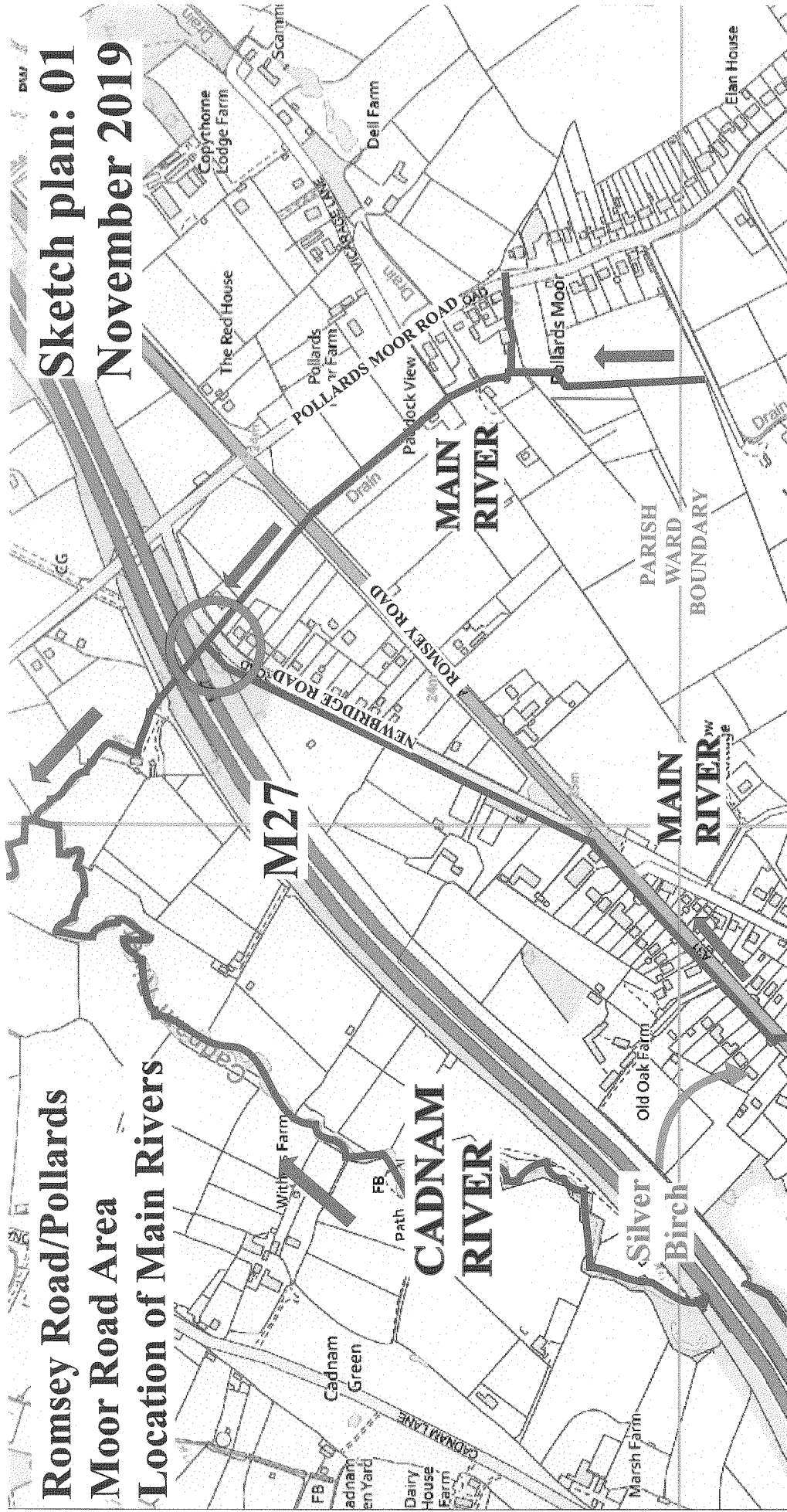
Other Minor Works

- Remove soil/detritus and leaves
- Cutting back vegetation overhanging the road or footway
- Clearing footways of weeds/moss and leaves
- Removing vegetation from parapets or fences
- Grass strimming
- Reporting defects
- Sweeping
- Litter picking
- Removing fly posters
- Unauthorised sign and graffiti removal
- Cleaning street name plates
- Cleaning bus shelters
- Minor repairs to street furniture
- 'Village upkeep' to include: painting/staining of bus shelters, parish owned notice boards, benches, fences, pavilions

Not Allowed

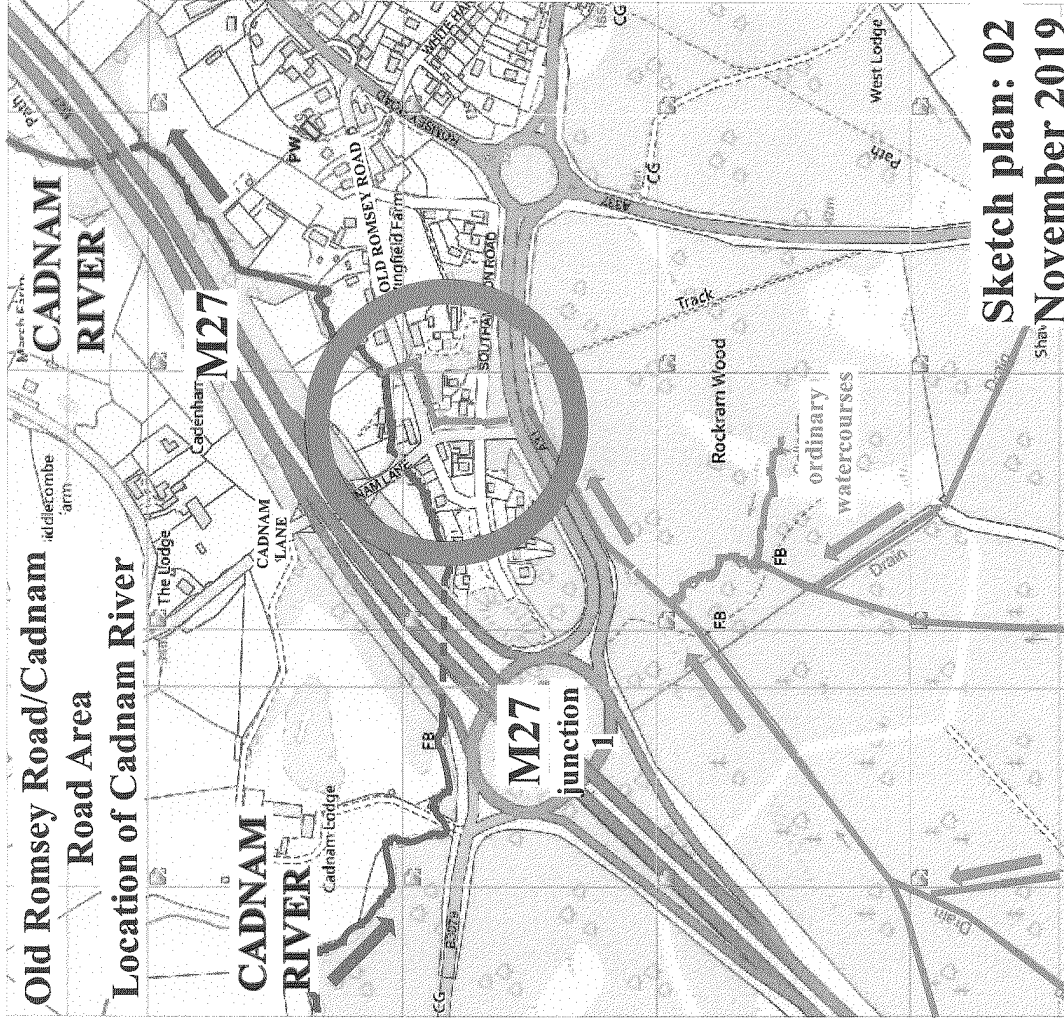
Cleaning, repair or any work on:

- Street Lighting
- Illuminated signs and bollards (i.e. any street furniture with an electrical connection)
- The live road
- Patching and structural repairs (no excavation due to possibility of underground apparatus), and
- Emergency call-outs to highway incidents



Suggested work for Parish lengthsman: Walk and visually inspect and report on route of main river from Silver Birch in Romsey Road , then along Newbridge Road to culvert under M27 motorway. Visually inspect, from the public highway, the culverts and associated debris guard/gratings under both Newbridge Road and M27 motorway within the red circled area.

(Main river details to rear of properties in Pollards Moor Road shown for information only).



Suggested work for Parish lengthsman:

Walk and visually inspect from public highway and report on route of Cadnam River and ordinary watercourses in the area circled red.

