

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 12th June in the Village Hall

Present

Cllrs D Gibbs, S Clark, R Moore, D Smith and P Wilkinson (clerk)

76/18 Apologies

Cllr J Hoyles, Cllr S King and Cllr C Seaton

77/18 Parish Street Lighting and Maintenance Proposal.

Copies of the agreement were previously circulated. The cost per light had increased from the original estimate with annual cost for 43 street lights in the three categories as;:

Repairs and Maintenance estimated cost £1195

Cyclic Activities £478

Energy proportion of total energy cost £1315.

Total estimated cost for the first year £2988.

The estimates were based on historic repairs and maintenance and may be adjusted.

Allowance for Cyclic activities may not occur every year.

Actual activity levels and tender charges would be applied at year end.

The prices quotes were an annual cost which could change, the annual contract start and finish date were as yet undetermined. The contract had been awarded to Cable Test Ltd from Brentwood Essex. All transactions from Parish Councils would be made via FDC and not as a direct contact to Cable Test Ltd. FDC would also charge an additional 15% handling fee on completion of each transaction.

A full survey would be undertaken, and on completion more accurate costings would be available. LED's replacement bulbs would also reduce costs significantly. However, it would take some considerable time to complete the survey during which time no further lighting improvements would be undertaken. The response time for repair of failed lights was estimated at twenty-eight days and during the winter months a fourteen-day delay, emergencies being an exception. All costs were estimated with the annual payment, payable in advance, based on the previous year's figures (7 call-outs for Newton). At the end of each financial year, the itemised invoice submitted to the Parish Council would clarify the true cost with either a refund for overpayments or an additional charge required for underpayments.

Some lighting earmarked for upgrading from the previous contractors and outstanding would be reassessed under the new survey. Although the Councillors found some points were not completely satisfactory, it was decided that it would not be beneficial to consider an independent contract. It was proposed by Cllr Moore that the Councillors approve the Street Lighting Agreement and sign the contract when required, seconded by Cllr D Smith and agreed by Councillors present at the meeting.

The Clerk would contact Trevor Watson, Head of Assets and Projects. with the decision.

i) Resolved; the Councillors all resolved to approve taking up the Parish Council Service Level Agreement and to sign the agreement when required.

A query was raised as to the feasibility of also incorporating the two street lights in Poppy Close owned by Roddens, it was decided to discuss this issue at a later date.

The Clerk asked the Councillors to approve payment of an invoice for repair of the playground surface at a total cost of £517.20 including £86.20 vat, cheque number 100600. to Play Maintain Ltd, Councillors approved payment.

ii) Resolve to approve payment of cheque number 100600 to Play Maintain for £517.20 including £86.20 vat, All Cllrs agreed payment.

Meeting closed at 8pm