



THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Streetlighting Policy

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) is responsible for streetlighting in the parish. This policy makes explicit the criteria for making decisions about streetlighting and explains the role of community involvement in that decision-making. The policy will be reviewed-periodically.

Safety

This is the overall priority. It includes the safety of pedestrians, traffic and property. TPC is mindful of the rural nature of the village and is keen not to 'urbanise' Thornborough with streetlighting throughout. Currently the main streetlighting in the village is in the more densely populated areas: Orchard Close, Nash Road and Thornhill. TPC is committed to reducing light pollution where it does not compromise safety. The safety of all in our community is paramount.

Cost and reducing our carbon footprint

The annual bill for streetlighting is currently considerably less than at the start of the energy crisis, however, it is still double what it was in 2020. Energy costs are predicted to continue to rise rather decrease going forward. TPC is committed to achieving value for money for residents by continuing to use fixed term contracts. There are however very few energy providers offering unmetered streetlighting supplies. In addition to the streetlight running costs provision must also be made for maintenance and upgrades. Changes in technology mean capital outlay can achieve cost reductions whilst at the same time reducing the carbon footprint of the village. The installation of grant-funded LED lanterns in Thornborough has reduced both running and maintenance costs.

Proposals for streetlighting changes

TPC welcomes proposals for new streetlights or for existing streetlights to be switched off. There may be streetlights which are currently off to reduce light pollution where residents wish to relook at the streetlight being switched on again for safety reasons.

Following the review of the streetlighting policy in early-2020, TPC requires four residents, from different dwellings in the immediate vicinity of any streetlighting proposal. Residents who wish to propose a streetlighting change are actively encouraged to attend a parish council meeting to present their case and hear the debate. Please notify the Clerk of your plans in advance so the item can be scheduled and/or advice provided – contact information is provided below.

TPC's decision about streetlighting changes are final. Proposals which are not approved, may not be represented for at least 12 months.

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