

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Lighting Committee
held at the War Memorial Hall on 23rd February 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

Attendance

Chairman : Cllrs. P. Brooks and R. Mawson.
Apologies had been received from Cllr. A. Worsdall.

Business of the Meeting (6522 / 02 / 11)

(a)Four lighting columns on Downley Common.

Agreed that the Clerk contact Southern Electric Contracting to request a quotation for the supply of 4 x SGS 252 X 45 watt Cosmo lanterns to replace the existing 4 lanterns which will need to be replaced in 2011 as the existing type of lamp is being phased out in October 2011. The cost will include new pole brackets and mains boxes as the new type lanterns are much heavier and the existing brackets will not take their weight. It was agreed that the “ Heritage “ lamps used in West Wycombe High Street would not be suitable for Downley Common as the light splay is not concentrated in a downward direction.

(b)Change of lanterns to similar specification to the new style at the junction of Plomer Green Lane / School Close.

Agreed that the Clerk obtain a quotation for the replacement all the 153 remaining lanterns within the original Downley Parish boundary with the SGS 252 X 45 watt Cosmo lanterns (as per the 4 new lanterns installed by Bucks County Council Highways at the junction of School Close and Plomer Green Lane mini roundabout). Again the cost may have to include new poles owing to the weight of the new lamps. Owing to the large number of lanterns involved, any change would have to be phased over a long period of time and funds allocated to the annual budget / precept.

(c)Possibility of “ bulk buying “ agreement with other parish councils within Wycombe District Council boundary.

The Clerk will be attending a Clerks meeting at Wycombe District Council in March when this matter has been highlighted as an agenda item.

(d)Footway light on the public footpath between Greenleys and Gosling Grove

The Clerk had received a letter from a resident from Greenleys regarding the fact that a street light column had still not been connected to the electricity supply. This matter had been discussed previously. There are several key factors including : the column is on land owned by the residents at 25, Gosling Grove and therefore needs to be moved to a more suitable location; Southern Electric Contracting are still examining alternative products in the solar lighting market which might be suitable and also considerably less expensive than the £3,600 quotation to install the electricity supply to the standard 5 metre column. The Clerk agreed to arrange a site visit by Southern Electric Contracting to discuss the available options.

(e)Move the column at Greenleys / Gosling Grove to Downley Common.
It was agreed that this matter cannot be resolved until points (a) and (d)
have been discussed finalised with Southern Electric Contracting Ltd

Closure of the Meeting (6523 / 02 / 11)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.00 a.m.

Chairman_____

Date_____