

### Lighting contract and current situation February 2022

- The PC agreed to replace 50 old lanterns in 2019, the oldest and most inefficient, saving between 67-78% energy costs. These were all done.
- This left 21 lanterns that are still 36 watt PL which are not as old but 47% less efficient than the new LED ones, at various locations around the village including The Brambles.
- This is 30% of the total lanterns that are not LED.
- The old “lamps” are due to be replaced in 2022 as part of the normal maintenance agreement – just the lamps not the lights.
- The cost to convert these 21 old lanterns to LED is £350 per light plus vat, total £7350 plus vat.

### Update March 2022

- Decision made to just do the electrical testing that is needed at the reduced rate offered if done before April 2022. This is confirmed to be taking place in spring.
- The “less efficient” lights will be left as they are as there is no plans to cease production of parts etc
- The current contract expires on 31/3/2023 so budget setting in October 2022 needs to prepare for price rises/changes. The budget for 2022/23 has been increased by 25% to allow for any increases applied.
- The price changes were queried in December 2021 by the Clerk, but no reply has been received.
- No information is available on online account – only to email the business section with plan ideas and offers – I have done this.

### UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

- No prices or contract options were available from SSE due to the volatility of the market until end August.
- Contacted Clear Utility Solutions (NCALC recommended, see mini update 19/8/22) to get advice and options.
- They recommended getting a deal agreed ASAP, ie before October when prices could increase again. They are sending through some prices – has said is taking longer due to some suppliers pulling out due to recent Russia actions. New PM may also affect companies.
- SSE said prices released on 30/8/22 and the PCs contract as per that day would increase from 14p to 81p per unit (approx. 700 units used each month). They will lock that in from April 2023 until March 2024 (max 1 year contract atm)
- This will add an additional 5.5k to the council costs for 23/24, so budget setting needs to be carefully managed.
- Other clerks have agreed contracts now, ahead of end of contract dates, anticipating that costs will just keep increasing, as advised by both SSE and CUS.
- **Recommend** giving authority to Clerk to get latest and best deal from CUS or SSE asap (can't confirm prices exact figures as they are changing daily) for 1 year or whatever can get before the next meeting.