

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss Chairman: Cllr. R Ruscoe

"Protecting and improving the quality of life for all Bayston Hill residents"

FC132.24/25

Background

A resident has requested an additional street light in Gorse Lane previously and this was declined (Dec 21).

The resident approached us again when the LED upgrades took place last year. Initially a price to was brought to Services Committee details here

Thank you for your valued enquiry regarding the streetlight installation at Gorse Lane.

The proposal would be to install 1 new 5m columns and 1 LED lantern.

Column location would need National grid to install a new supply to this, a budget cost I would think would be £1,500.00 +VAT

No section 50 permit has been allowed for as I would think we could go under the one from National Grid.

1X Standard 5m Steel column 1X LED Lanterns Columns installed to rear of footpath COST £944.10 +VAT

Servcies tasked the Clerk to survey the nearby residents, this was the outcome. The image below denotes existing lights in pink. Letters were delivered to 9 properties.

4 replies were received.

"I consider this a worthy investment as it is incredibly dark directly outside my house. We have a long drive and often during the winter, it can be quite a difficult transition for visitors or elderly relations to see where they are heading before our security light comes on"

"Thank you for your letter delivered by hand today, regarding the poor lighting situation in the middle to bottom of Gorse Lane. The lighting gets progressively worse after the entry to Parry's Close is passed. We totally agree that there is a safety issue with the poor provision of lighting in this part of the lane, we have to take a strong torch out with us when venturing out on winter evenings. In the matter of the costs involved, why should we the

residents not have the same level of service and amenities as the rest of the village? We pay our rates, so should have the same service. We shall definitely be pressing for improvement in the street lighting in the lane."

"We have so many elderly neighbours, there is a large drop off the road down to the pavement as well as the poor state of the pavements. While money is continued to be spent on other things within the village this has continued to be ignored by my Parish Council for many years."

"Absolutely a complete waste of money, its not necessary. I know its not the Parish Councls job to fix the pavements but it should be spent on that as they are a disgrace"

