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Minutes for the Streetlighting committee meeting – 27/09/22

1. Briefing by Keith Stanton, Former Chairman of Parish Council and Chairman of the street lighting committee

Mr Keith Stanton summarised the history of the streetlights in Alveley and Romsley council. It was noted that when the first streetlights were erected, they were built using concrete, this had maintenance issues as the concrete eroded and had to be patched up. After a safety review in 2008 the council were informed that several of the concrete posts were at risk of falling down and due to funding issues, the posts that were imminently at risk were replaced as soon as possible, in subsequent years all 60 concrete posts were replaced. The later erected steel posts all passed the safety inspection, but their actual age is unknown. Later Chapel Road received three trial LED light units on the existing poles, which were considered to be successful. All lamps have since been replaced with LED units. The concrete posts were all replaced with steel posts to reduce costs in the future.. The total cost was in the region of 80000 most of which was raised by grants and donations, this reduced the annual maintenance cost while the electricity bill was halved.

There has been an issue with people putting signs on lampposts that were too large for the lamppost size, Shropshire council have removed theirs There is now a policy in place regarding signs on P.C. property.

Items that have been noted and need to be looked at:

The streetlights have a life span of 20-25 years so it was suggested that the parish council puts reserves back in order to prepare for this cost later on.

Turley green field light was not replaced, it is on a wooden post in the field, it needs to be replaced by one on the highway. There are a few others that remain on wooden posts. that have had the electrical components removed by the power company when they altered the power supply to having underground cables in place of the previous overhead cables. The protective covers were removed from the top of these poles and their condition is not known, as they are not included in the safety inspection.

A street light has been erected in Brook Rise by the builder which does not belong to the parish and is not paid for by the council, this needs to be addressed as the council might need to adopt this and safety check to ensure safety.

Conservation area, all posts must be painted black and need to be painted regularly. Eon has done this at our cost in the past. The glass in antique style lights needs to be cleaned once a year, which should be in the maintenance contract. There are some issues regarding the numbering of lamps, some have missing numbers and others which have incorrect numbers on. This causes issues with residents reporting faults on the lamps.

2. **Election of Chairman**

Cllr P Barker proposes that Cllr R Narburgh is the chairman of the streetlighting committee and Cllr I Jakeman seconds. Cllr R Narburgh accepted.

3. **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received by Cllr V Voysey.

4. **To receive declarations of any pecuniary/prejudicial interest**

None were noted.

5. **To review the street lighting management plan**

The street lighting policy depicts the restriction of putting signs on lampposts due to the issues that the council has historically had with signs that cause damage to the posts. It was objected by the councillors present as it was agreed that too many signs can look untidy and lead to the message on the sign being disregarded.

At the next meeting look at the report from the 6 yearly inspection in detail to see what recommendations there are and how the committee should proceed. Cllr I Jakeman suggested that the council adds an additional member of the streetlighting committee in order to ensure that there are sufficient members of the committee to meet to discuss in the future.

a. **To review the parish council policy regarding placing signs on street lighting poles**

The council reviewed the policy and it was agreed upon.

6. **To determine a future work programme.**

The clerk is to get in touch with Gary Johnson, the street lighting committee are to organise a programme of work that needs to be completed by eon. Further discussion is to take place at the next meeting of the street lighting committee. Update the list of streetlighting in order to correct issues with the numbering.

7. **To confirm the dates of future meetings**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at the Pavilion, Daddlebrook Road, Alveley, commencing at 7.45 pm preceded by an Open Forum at 7.30pm