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## STREET LIGHTING POLICY

The following information relates to the Street Lighting Policy in Moulton and aims to set out a code of practice which sets a high standard for compliance, in recognising our responsibilities. Facts and figures shown are current at the time of writing.

Moulton Parish Council owns and maintains 8 streetlights within the parish of Moulton.

This policy relates to the maintenance and operation of these units.

### Aims and Objectives

- Maintain the street lights, in a safe condition, within the agreed budget
- Anticipate budget changes in line with maintenance costs and replacement rates
- Keep up to date with current legislation, legal requirements and best practice
- Continue to aim to reduce costs and power consumption, year on year, without a detrimental effect to illumination or safety
- Replace lamp posts at the end of their life or when beneficial to overall aims

### Background – Legal Obligations and Limitations Defining Responsibilities Responsible Authority Area of Responsibility

- a) West Northamptonshire Council is the Highway Authority and maintains street lights on the main A and B roads in Northamptonshire.
- b) The Highways Act 1980 empowers a Highway Authority to provide lighting for any highway or proposed highway for which they are, or will be, the Highway Authority.
- c) The Highway Authority has a duty of care to the road user. However, this duty does not require the Highway Authority to keep the public lighting lit. It does require the authority to be able to demonstrate that they have systems in place to maintain the public lighting equipment in a safe condition, including the detection of dangerous equipment.
- d) Some building developers retain responsibility for street lighting on new developments until the road is adopted at the completion of a building project.
- e) Moulton Parish Council has a Maintenance Contract with E.ON for the parish owned street lights, as the street lighting requires regular inspection and maintenance to ensure that it is safe, operating correctly, continuing to provide the designated performance and to maximize its life.
- f) E.ON Parish repairs will respond to any faults reported by the Parish Council within 10 working days. In some cases, spare parts will need to be ordered, or additional work commissioned with Western Power relating to the physical supply of electricity to make the column safe. Such matters will be rectified as soon as possible.

## **Requests for Changes to Street Lighting**

The Parish Council occasionally receives requests for changes to street lighting, for example, additional street lighting columns. The Parish Council will consider all such requests, conduct further inquiries with all affected neighbouring properties and investigate alternative solutions where appropriate. The cost of this may have to be borne by the requestor. Please register any such enquiries with the Executive Officer. Factors used in the decision-making process include safety considerations, cost benefit analysis and the consent of neighbours.

## **Asset Management**

An inventory and location map of all the street lights is held.

## **Repair or Replace Parish Owned Street Lights**

Faulty lights are repaired unless we are advised by our contractor that repair is uneconomic. New columns erected should be of a high standard and a popular choice appropriate to the area. The Parish Council will consult with residents and act on the balance of opinion where this is reasonable and within our budget.

## **Environmental Impact**

Attempts will be made to limit the impact of our street lighting on the environment where possible and economically viable.

**This policy is reviewed annually by the Executive Officer and submitted to the full council for approval.**

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