

## **Briefing report – street lamps**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 In 2000, when the Parish Council was created the majority of street lamps had been adopted by Northamptonshire County Council.
- 1.2 In 2011 NCC transferred their street lighting assets to Balfour Beatty (BB) under a PFI and the lights are now maintained by Balfour Beatty until that contract expires.
- 1.3 Lamp columns on Samuels Close and Marks Close were never offered to NNC by the developer and therefore are not adopted and are the responsibility of the homeowners to maintain.
- 1.4 There are street lamps that are the responsibility of the Longhurst Group.

### **2 Parish Council owned street lights**

- 2.1 When the asset transfer took place between NCC and BB it was found that 5 lamp columns were not part of the highways register and were the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- 2.2 These are 3 columns on the path between Spencer Parade and Mansfield St and 2 columns on Green Lane

### **3 Corporate responsibilities**

- 3.1 There is a duty to comply with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Electrical at Work Regulations 1989.
- 3.2 A council should be able to demonstrate that street lighting meets the necessary safety standards and should hold records to show that regular electrical testing, in accordance with BS7671, is being carried out along with visual inspections.
- 3.3 Testing must be carried out by a suitably qualified person and the results should be recorded, along with any deviations from the appropriate regulations.
- 3.4 Electrical testing of each lighting column, feeder pillar and council-owned cable network should be carried out every six years in accordance with the IEE regulations.

### **4 History of lamp columns**

- 4.1 January 2018 lamps on Green Lane replaced in entirety (column and lantern)
- 4.2 December 2015 lamps on columns Spencer Parade-Mansfield St footpath upgraded

### **5 Inspections**

- 5.1 Certificates are held for Green Lane columns post installation (2018)
- 5.2 Certificates are held for footpath columns (2015)

### **6 Action required by the Council**

- 6.1 Authorise safety inspection