



## THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

### **Streetlighting Policy**

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) is responsible for streetlighting in the village. This policy makes explicit the criteria for making decision about streetlighting and explains the role of community involvement in that decision-making. The policy will be reviewed regularly.

### **Safety**

This is the overall priority. It includes the safety of pedestrians, traffic and property. TPC is mindful of the rural nature of the village and is keen not to 'urbanise' Thornborough with streetlighting throughout. Currently the main streetlighting in the village is in the more densely populated areas: Orchard Close, Nash Road and Thornhill. TPC is committed to reducing light pollution where it does not compromise safety. The safety of all in our community is paramount.

### **Cost and reducing our carbon footprint**

The annual bill for streetlighting is currently about £360. This is the streetlight running cost, it does not include maintenance, upgrades or new streetlights. Changes in technology mean capital outlay can achieve cost reductions whilst at the same time reducing the carbon footprint of the village. TPC is committed to applying for grant funding to help offset approved capital expenditure and always encourages the involvement of volunteers in projects and initiatives to enhance village life.

### **Proposals for streetlighting changes**

TPC welcomes proposals for new streetlights or for existing streetlights to be switched off. There may be streetlights which are currently off to reduce light pollution where residents now wish to relook at the streetlight being switched on again for safety reasons.

Following a review in early-2020 of the streetlighting policy which had been in place for a number of years TPC requires four residents, from different dwellings in the immediate vicinity of any streetlighting proposal, to formally make a request for the provision of a new streetlight or the switching-off of an existing streetlight. Residents who wish to propose a streetlighting change are actively encouraged to attend a parish council meeting to present their case and hear the debate. Please notify the Clerk of your plans in advance so the item can be scheduled and/or advice provided – contact information is provided below.

TPC's decision about streetlighting changes are final. Proposals which are not approved, may not be represented for at least 12 months.

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