

Street Lighting Policy for Thornborough Parish

Opening Statement

3 main principles govern this policy:

1. Keeping the cost to a reasonable amount – during the 2013-14 financial year, your parish council paid £327.44 for street lighting. This does not include the cost of maintenance, upgrades or new lighting. This is a very reasonable amount but it is important to keep costs down as much as possible while taking the other issues into account.
2. Reducing light pollution
3. Safety – this includes safety for pedestrians, traffic and property.
 - a. Pedestrians – there are several roads in the village where there is no pavement, some of Bridge Street, Back Street, Chapel Lane, some of Nash Road. Being a rural settlement many residents are used to the idea of taking their own lighting with them when going out at night. Thornborough Parish Council accepts the rural nature of the village and would not want to ‘urbanise’ it with wholesale street lighting throughout. The main street lighting in the village is at Orchard Close, Thornhill, along Nash Road where the greatest number of people live in high density.
 - b. There are certain areas in the village where lighting provides a safer driving experience, for instance:
 - i. High Street/Lower End junction
 - ii. the Ford on Back Street
 - iii. the bend on Bridge Street nearest the village centrethe council considers it a good safety measure to provide lighting in these areas.
 - c. Parked cars can be at risk in unlit areas but the main areas for parking cars - Thornhill and Nash Road and the High Street/Bridge Street junction area, are all lit. There is evidence that there are more burglaries in areas with good street lighting, rather than in areas with no street lighting.

Lighting Decisions

Thornborough Parish Council is happy to receive requests from residents for lights to be switched on or off or for new lighting. All requests will be brought to a council meeting and considered in the light of these 3 principles. Thornborough Parish Council will also take into consideration the number of people making the request and their location with respect to the light. Population density varies around the village but due to the financial implications, in order to make a change to the current lighting scheme it is necessary for a consensus opinion to be sought. ,:

Repeat requests will only be considered after a period of 12 months Thornborough Parish Council’s decision is final.

Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly annually.