

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Meeting: 19 November 2020 (Maintenance Committee)

Date of Report: 12 November 2020

Agenda Item: MA072 20b) Street lights : Vicarage Close

SCDC have contacted us with regard to the 6 street lights in Vicarage Close. These are currently not the responsibility of any organisation.

SCDC have agreed to take responsibility for the 3 lights located near the housing towards the end of the close.

The other 3 which are located by privately owned housing as you turn into the close have no owner and the County Council have indicated that they were likely to have been put in way back by the developer and not agreed to be adopted by them. CCC will not adopt them now.

In the interests of safety, SCDC have agreed to take these 3 lights on, but this means that they are also added to our list for electricity supply. If we agree to this, SCDC will only add them after they have been replaced with new columns and upgraded to LEDs (at SCDC's cost).

The ongoing cost per light will be at a minimum for the parish (based on current charges SCDC estimate this as around £20 per year for each light).

One of these lights has for some time been faulty, but would be repaired if upgraded by SCDC and they will maintain them in future.

I spoke to the Development Officer who advised that we currently pay SCDC for 33 lights. There is a plan to upgrade all to LEDs within the next 2-3 weeks. This should reduce the cost to us by c60%. They need a response from us before the LED upgrade programme goes ahead at the end of November.