

Update on Street Lighting Maintenance Contract

July 2020 Clerk, Selina Jobson

Proposal

In light of the ongoing negotiation of a contract between local parish councils and Volker Highways it is recommended that Freshford Parish Council waits until a contract from Volker Highways is available for consideration alongside the proposed contract from SSE before a decision is reached.

This means that FPC would continue without a maintenance contract for the street lights in place for the time being. Any urgent repairs would need to be done on a 'time and materials' basis and both Volker and SSE have indicated that they would be prepared to undertake repairs in this manner.

It is some months since SSE put forward their contract and when FPC are at a point to compare contracts we would need to check whether their charges have changed during that time.

Update on negotiations with Volker Highways

From Geoff Davis, Clerk at South Stoke PC:

'Volker have had sight of the South Stoke SSE Contract, and we are now moving towards a contract for the Parishes.

When I take Volker's pricing and apply it to a SSE type contract, i.e. appropriate aspects of the Planned Maintenance to your 39 lights on the periods in the SSE Contract (e.g. Electrical Inspection and Test & Structural Test every 6 years, Inspection, Test and Foliage removal (on some) every 3 years, and some Lamp Changes), I get a figure well below your new SSE contract, (but probably still an increase on the Old SSE price, because like mine it was never increased). The same was true when I did a similar exercise for the South Stoke lights. Much less than the proposed new SSE price, but more than our old price (but then SSE never did any of the planned maintenance anyway).

And on that basis it seems very likely that the contract, and contract price with Volker will be agreeable for all the Parishes. On that basis Volker are proceeding towards the preparation of the contract.'