

# Hopesay Parish Council

## PARISH CONSULTATION on FOOTWAY LIGHTING

The aging parish footway lights most of which were installed 40 years ago are likely to need significant repairs soon and the parish council would like your views.

There are 11 public footway lights ( 2 in Hopesay, 3 in Broome and 6 in Aston ) . Over the past 3 years the cost of electricity, maintenance and repair has doubled to about £900 per year plus £50 per year insurance. All this cost is paid by residents from the parish precept averaging £41 per Band D household per year. A plan of the light positions is shown overleaf.

The 2008 Parish Plan survey showed residents equally divided between those who wanted the lights removed and those who wanted to keep or improve them. The council has since then just maintained the system but now cost, obsolescence and safety concerns force the need to consider other options, these are :

1. REMOVE AT A COST OF £250 per COLUMN or £150 per BRACKET LIGHT
2. REPLACE IN ONEs OR TWOs STARTING WITH THE WORST AT ABOUT £1250 per COLUMN or £1000 per BRACKET
3. COMBINATION OF ABOVE DEPENDING ON WISHES OF MAJORITY IN EACH VILLAGE
4. OPTION 2) WITH ENERGY SAVING IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS SWITCHING OFF AT MIDNIGHT AND/OR SOLAR POWER PANELS ( COST AND AVAILABILITY UNCERTAIN )

This survey of opinion is being conducted to discover your views on options and costs involved. Results will be published and will be on the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm Wednesday 13 April in the Village Hall.

Arguments for removal are long term cost, energy and CO2 savings and reduced light pollution.

Arguments for retention centre on safety and security.

Whilst it is mainly the residents of parts of the 3 villages who benefit, all parish householders pay.

TO HELP US COME TO A DECISION YOU COULD COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AND DELIVER TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR, TO ONE OF THE BOXES IN THE VILLAGE HALL OR KANGAROO BY SUNDAY 3 APRIL OR POST TO THE PARISH CLERK, HONEY HILLS, HOPESAY, CRAVEN ARMS, SY7 8HA

Please complete your post code and place a tick where appropriate. POST CODE: SY7 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live within sight of an existing light YES  NO

Do you favour RETENTION  REMOVAL  OTHER ENERGY SAVING \_\_\_\_\_

How much do you think each household should pay each year for

LIGHTING ELECTRICITY AND MAINTENANCE £0  £50  £75  £100

RENEWAL/IMPROVEMENT OVER NEXT 5 YEARS £0  £100  £150  £200

SHOULD COINCIL FOLLOW OPTION 1  2  3  4

The following lights should be removed . Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other comment or suggestion

