

Cosgrove Parish Council

Lighting Policy

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1. Purpose and Scope

The following information relates to the Street Lighting Policy in Cosgrove and sets out a code of practice that sets the standard for compliance in recognising our responsibilities

Cosgrove Parish Council owns and maintains 38 street lights throughout the village. This policy relates to the maintenance and operation of these lights.

Cosgrove Parish Council aim to:

- Maintain the street lights in a safe condition, within the agreed budget
- Anticipate budget changes in line with maintenance costs and potential replacement costs
- Keep up to date with current legislation, legal requirements and best practice governing street lighting
- Continue to aim to reduce costs and power consumption without any detrimental effect to lighting quality or safety
- Replace the lights at the end of their serviceable life, or when beneficial to support environmentally friendly goals

2. Legal Responsibility

- Highways Act 1980
- Parish Councils Act 1957
- Public Health Act 1875
- Open Spaces Act 1906

The Parish Council has the right and the legal responsibility to manage what may be attached to the streetlights. The council is liable for any incidents that might arise from something being improperly affixed to our property. Streetlighting columns must be maintained to ensure they are structurally sound and safe and unauthorised attachments can put stress on the columns, interfere with maintenance, or create an electrical hazard. The display of flags, banners, or any other items on parish-owned lampposts is, therefore, prohibited without the express written permission of the Parish Council)

3. Requests for Changes to Street Lighting

The Parish Council occasionally receives requests for changes to street lighting, for example, additional street lighting columns. The Parish Council will consider all such requests, but the cost may have to be borne by the requestor. Please register any such enquiries with the Parish Clerk

4. Asset Management

An inventory and location map of all the streetlights is held.

5. Repair or Replace Parish Owned Street Lights

Faulty lights are repaired unless we are advised that repair is uneconomic. New columns erected will be of a high standard and appropriate to the area. A full safety inspection of the streetlights will be carried out every 6 years from January 2025

6. Environmental Impact

Attempts will be made to limit the impact of our street lighting on the environment where possible and economically viable.

This policy was adopted by Cosgrove Parish Council on 1 October 2025 and will be reviewed in October 2027