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## Street Lighting Policy

### 1. Purpose and Scope

The following information relates to the Street Lighting Policy in Moulton and aims to set out a code of practice which sets a high standard for compliance, in recognising our responsibilities.

Moulton Parish Council owns and maintains eight streetlights within the parish of Moulton in the following locations:

Barlow Lane x 2  
Doves Lane  
Manor Road Alleyway  
Prince of Wales Row x2  
The Nurseries x2

This policy relates to the maintenance and operation of these units.

Moulton Parish Council aim to:

- Maintain the streetlights, in a safe condition, within the agreed budget.
- Anticipate budget changes in line with maintenance costs and replacement rates.
- Keep up to date with current legislation, legal requirements, and best practice.
- Continue to aim to reduce costs and power consumption, year on year, without a detrimental effect to illumination or safety.
- Replace lamp posts at the end of their life or when beneficial to overall environmental aims.

### 2. Legal Responsibility & Policy Support

[Highways Act 1980 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)  
[Parish Councils Act 1957 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)  
[Public Health Act 1875 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)  
[Open Spaces Act 1906 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)

Limitations Defining Responsibilities Responsible Authority Area of Responsibility

- a) West Northamptonshire Council is the Highway Authority and maintains streetlights on the main A and B roads in Northamptonshire.
- b) The Highways Act 1980 empowers a Highway Authority to provide lighting for any highway or proposed highway for which they are, or will be, the Highway Authority.
- c) The Highway Authority has a duty of care to the road user. However, this duty does

not require the Highway Authority to keep the public lighting lit. It does require the authority to be able to demonstrate that they have systems in place to maintain the public lighting equipment in a safe condition, including the detection of dangerous equipment.

- d) Moulton Parish Council has a Maintenance Contract with E.ON for parish owned street lights to ensure that it is safe and operating correctly.
- e) E.ON will respond to any faults reported by the parish council within 10 working days.

### **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. The cost of this may have to be borne by the requestor. Please register any such enquiries with the Executive Officer.

### **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 by our contractor that repair is uneconomic. New columns erected will be of a high standard and appropriate to the area.

### **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 is reviewed annually by the Executive Officer and submitted to the full council for approval.**

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