

**FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL – Non-Confidential Report**

**Committee: Full Council**

**Meeting Date: 19 February 2024**

**Report by: Parish Clerk**

**Subject: Emperor Way lighting options**

**Agenda Item: 10.2**

The Clerk and the Chair met with Steve Hill, from Parish & Community Engagement, West Sussex County Council Highways, Transport and Planning. He is also a Fishbourne resident and offered to find out more information about options for Emperor Way lights.

He reported back that one of the options the Council might like to consider is joining the Private Finance Initiative (PFI). If the Council were to join, it means that any lighting it has would need to be brought up to PFI specifications and new lighting would also be PFI spec.

To join the PFI the Parish Council would need to enter into an agreement with WSCC until March 2035 and would be charged annually for the maintenance which for 2023/24 is currently £50.82 per unit (this covers all maintenance activities – lamp changes, electrical testing – and includes all damages, knock downs, in fact virtually anything...the 'risk of the column' is entirely with the provider) The PC can also join WSCC's energy procurement or have its own.

The Parish Council can use WSCC's PFI service provider to install any lighting it wants down there or they can use WSCC specification as shown in the link

[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/18546/street\\_lighting\\_specification.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/18546/street_lighting_specification.pdf)

If the Council is not interested in the PFI and just want lamps, it can work with WSCC's provider 'Enerveo' and obtain a quote to see if it's worth it, and compare it with other quotes you may have

**Action by the Council:** to decide whether to pursue this further, bearing in mind the funding bid which has already been submitted for solar lights.