

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 9TH NOVEMBER 2007**COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE (CSI) STREET LIGHTING****1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Each year Hampshire County Council invites bids for inclusion in the CSI Street Lighting programme.
- 1.2 In order for a scheme to be considered, it must meet the following criteria:
 - Provision in response to a strong local need
 - Provision in response to a known or accepted night time crime issue
 - Provision of a demonstrable highway safety benefit
- 1.3 In 2006, the Committee considered sites put forward by residents and the local Police and, as a result, a bid for additional and improved lighting in Gravel Lane, adjacent to Dr Little Gardens, was successful.

2. POSSIBLE SITES

- 2.1 Several sites have been included in the District Council's Footway Lighting Improvements Programme. These include:
 - Footpath from The Close to Christchurch Road
 - Hightown Road between Gardner Road and Eastfield Lane
 - Manor Road
 - Kings Arms Row

However, we have been informed by the District Council that it is unlikely to fund any improvement schemes in 2006/07 or 2008/09. The Committee may therefore wish to reconsider these sites.

- 2.2 The local Police have been consulted and PCSO Tracey Cooper has put forward Kings Arms Row for consideration. She has recently set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in this road and residents had enquired about additional lighting as it is a very dark area.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Town Council is required to contribute 50% of the total costs of any bids.
- 3.2 It is suggested that £1,000 be allocated for each street light included in any bid.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider:
 - a) Whether to submit any bids for possible inclusion in the CSI Street Lighting programme for 2008/09; and
 - b) Whether to allocate funds in the Committee's budget for 2008/09 for the provision of street lighting.

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