

Leisure, Events & Environment – 6 July 2021

Agenda Item – LEE1650/21

Christmas Decorations New Road and The Green

Introduction

In 2020, one of the “Call for Ideas” received from residents was to install Christmas decorations on the lamp posts in New Road and The Green. The suggestion was too late to include in the plans for 2020, but additional amount of £2,000 was included in the Budget 2021/22.

Large bows were suggested, and an internet search did not find any that could be purchased and installed by Council Staff. Ringway confirmed that no ladder should be placed against any lamp post.

Lamps & Tubes (supplier of Christmas lighting in Croxley Green) conducted a site survey in April 2021 to identify lamp posts and provide suggestions of types of non-illuminated decorations that could be affixed to lamp posts.

Discussion

Lamps & Tubes have provided 2 decoration suggestions that could be affixed to the lamp posts - see Appendix 1. A total of 28 lamp posts were identified in New Road (from The Green Store to just after Barton Way) and The Green (from Windmill Drive to the triangle). Whatever option chosen by councillors will require an increase in the current budget - for example, the annual cost for the bow option is £2,822.40.

The costs for each item are listed below and include the structural assessment that needs to be completed and signed off by Ringway on behalf of HCC, to ensure that the lamp post can support the weight of the item placed on it.

The minimum hire period from Lamps & Tubes for the lamp post decorations is 3 years.

Item	Item Cost	Structural Inspection per lamp post	Install Removal Storage	Annual cost per lamp post	Total cost for 28 lamp posts for 3 years
Bows – see image 2	£44.90	£15.90	£40.00	£100.80	£8,467.20
Medium Column Wrap – no image provided	£77.76	£15.90	£75.00	£168.66	£14,167.44
Large Column Wrap – see image 1	£94.95	£15.90	£75.00	£185.85	£15,611.40

Recommendations

That the Parish Council:

- Agree the number of lamp posts to affix Christmas Decorations to in New Road and The Green and the style of decoration.
- Agree that the current budget be increased accordingly to meet the increased cost.
- Agree a 3 year contract is signed with Lamps & Tubes to affix Christmas Decorations to lamp posts in New Road and The Green.

Amanda Gardiner
Administrative Officer
June 2021

APPENDIX 1

