

**Council – 15 November 2017**

**Councillors Questions**

**1. From Councillor Len Laws to Councillor Malcolm Dearden, Cabinet Member for Finance**

Can the Cabinet Member for Finance tell me the costs of Code of Conduct investigations for the previous five years up to the present date.

**ANSWER:**

The total costs incurred during the last five years up to the present date in respect of Code of Conduct investigations was £28,300.”

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:**

It was not a legal obligation for the district council to pay. Were there any plans to refer costs back to parishes?

**ANSWER:**

A written answer would be provided separately to this supplementary question.

**2. From Councillor Carol Sacre to Councillor Mrs Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial**

It is clear when the Highway Code was conceived – part 6, 1984 Road Traffic Regulation Act, speed limits were clarified in part by the presence of roadside lighting. It was (at that time) and remains very necessary for road side lighting to be clearly visible at all times. However, there are instances in rural and semi rural areas where there is (30mph) speed limit, yet roadside lighting is not easily visible during the day and not at all at night. Can we ensure all road side lighting in rural and semi rural locations in Shepway is clearly visible both during the day and at night?

**ANSWER:**

The highway authority, Kent County Council is responsible for most of the street lights on the highway. SDC is responsible for a few but these are also maintained by KCC under a maintenance agreement.

Concerns about street lighting should be raised with KCC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Primarily for the safety of residents and road users, could we ask KCC to rectify this loophole in the Road Traffic Regulation Act?

**ANSWER:**

Roads and highways were the responsibility of KCC, and you need to contact them with your concerns.