Batheaston Parish Council – Council Meeting 28th July 2022
Procurement of Electricity Supplies – Update

Summary

1. At its June 2022 meeting, Council approved a motion to "for the Clerk to procure new suppliers for the electricity supply to the Riverside Toilet Block and the Floodlights as soon as he able to do so, on condition that the contracted prices are not more than 5% above those currently offered", but was unable to approve the same process for the Streetlights, as between the date of issue of the agenda and the meeting, the price had increased by more than 5%.
2. The Clerk has been regular touch with Clear Utility Solutions (www.clearutilitysolutions.com) since that meeting, and prices continue to rise, with the expectation of another jump in prices in October, when the domestic price cap .
3. The re-procurement of the supply for the **Floodlights** on the All-weather Pitch is in hand, and will take effect in the next month.
4. The supply to the **Public Conveniences** at the Riverside was subject to an "Associated Contract", managed by Bath and North East Somerset Council. This was put in place in 2017, when the Community Asset Transfer of the Riverside Park to the Parish Council was undertaken. I was previously unaware of this arrangement. The good news however is that BANES renegotiated this contract recently, and secured a competitive price fixed until 31/03/24, at just over 37p per unit. I am awaiting a copy of the contract.
5. As previously mentioned, the supply to the **Rhymes Pavilion** is under contract – on quite favourable terms – until the end of this calendar year. Note however that the expectation is that prices available from January are expected to be significantly higher than they are now, and therefore it would be wise to seek to negotiate the contract earlier, in the next 2 months (and possibly before the Council meeting).
6. Regarding the contract for **Streetlights**, as noted above, the price that was available after the meeting was above that the approval Council allowed me to progress. I

Recommendations

7. Council is asked to approve: "The Clerk to contract with the cheapest available supplier for the Streetlights at the first opportunity after the meeting, provided that this offers better value for money than the current supply".
8. Council is also asked to approve: "The Clerk to procure a contract for the supply to the Rhymes Pavilion for 2023 onwards on the most favourable terms available in coming three months".

Richard Maccabee, Parish Clerk
26th July 2022