

New Lights at the Memorial Hall

There have been comments and questions regarding the new lights recently installed at the Memorial Hall. I am not sure why these were posted on Facebook rather than being directed directly to the Parish Council via the much-publicised email address durleyparishcouncil@gmail.com.

So, please let me respond.

Firstly, the area around the outside of the Hall must be lit sufficiently to ensure the safety of all Hall users. This new lighting has been installed as a result of a driver crashing into the original pole and destroying it.

The vast proportion of the cost of the new lighting was covered by the subsequent insurance claim from the accident described above. Yes, there was a small additional amount paid out of the Memorial Hall funds to ensure the following benefits:

- Improved coverage, with multiple lights installed a greater area of the Hall surrounds are illuminated.
- Improved safety, the new lighting has battery backup and so in the event of a power failure, for any reason, the outside of the Hall remains illuminated to help ensure the safety of Hall users.
- Improved security, the increased coverage will help reduce the vandalism and miss-use of the Hall facilities.

The technology used in the new lighting is significantly more efficient than the old light and therefore will reduce the overall running costs of the lighting.

As far as brightness is concerned, the new lights are less bright than the previous light, and whilst there is a collective effect of multiple lights, I suspect that the “too bright” feeling was due to the sudden re-illumination of the Hall following a period of no lighting. Having said that, we have looked at the lighting and made some adjustments.

I hope this answers the questions and concerns that have been raised and am more than happy to answer any further points, please send them to durleyparishcouncil@gmail.com.

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