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In addition to this, our electricity supplier has informed us that many of the lights and fixtures we use are out of date and will no longer be available once their stock has run out. In order to meet our obligations and to address the needs of the village we also intend to replace all the older light fittings with new energy efficient bulbs which will also significantly reduce the running costs.

The total cost of improvements will be in the region of £25,000 and these changes must be financed with money allocated from your Council Tax. The Parish council has looked at the options for paying for these necessary repairs and refurbishments and the option we recommend is to take out a Public Works Loan, which has a very low fixed interest rate (3.49%). This will enable us gain a further discount by completing the whole job at one time rather than piece meal. We estimate that this would result in an increase of £22 per household per annum (over the 10 year loan) on council tax bills.

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