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Dear sir or madam,

We wrote to you in January 2022 to invoice you for energy costs relating to Community Street lighting in 2021/22. It has now come to our attention that, due to a change in the way in which we are charged by the energy company and the split between energy and non-energy costs, there was a miscalculation in these invoices resulting in an undercharge.

In most cases Parish Councils were only invoiced for 80% of the value of the power used. The correct charge is much closer to the amount forecast to assist with precept setting provided in November 2020.

Rutland has the contract for street lighting and the cost of this is then allocated to Parishes based on their energy consumption and an allocation of non-energy costs. The invoice you will soon be receiving therefore adjusts the 2021/22 charge to the correct figure. If paying the shortfall this year presents your Parish or Town Council with difficulty, please contact us to discuss how we may be able to help with spreading repayments.

As the economic climate continues to be challenging and energy prices globally have been increasing, our suppliers have suggested that energy costs will increase by 46% and non-energy costs are also expected to increase. We therefore recommend that Parishes budget for these increased costs in setting the precept for 2023/24. Invoices for 2022/23 are due to go out in November 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Rutland County Council Highways Team

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