



# ST LAWRENCE SIGN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 10/23

13 FEBRUARY 2023

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The purpose of this Report is to invite Members to support the installation of a new Welcome sign at the entrance to St Lawrence.

**NO. DETAILS**

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**1) BACKGROUND**

- a) Councillor Stephen Cockett has been working with a St Lawrence resident to develop a new entry sign to replace the current basic – and broken – sign at the village boundary.
  - b) Discussions with the Highways Authority and Island Roads are ongoing.
  - c) There is one aspect that requires the Town Council's attention; as can be seen in the attached summary from Councillor Stephen Cockett Island Roads present two options for adding the sign to the network, the preference is for the option 'Enhanced Project Network Part Application'.
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**2) RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to consider the proposal and agree its response to it.

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As can be seen in the text below Island Roads present two options for adding the sign to the network, the preference is for the option “Enhanced Project Network Part Application”.

This states that the costs will be met by the council, however the expectation is that the project will be fully funded by the local community.

The request from Cllr Cockett is that the council acts as an intermediary in the financial arrangements between St Lawrence residents and the IW Council.

Thank you for your email and supporting information regarding the potential installation of a new village nameplate in St Lawrence.

Text from Island Roads follows:

As the existing village nameplate is already an asset for which we are responsible, there are two options for progressing your request;

- Enhanced Project Network Part Application – The proposed new sign is approved by the Isle of Wight Council. Supply and installation of the new sign would be undertaken by Island Roads with the cost being met by the Parish Council. This cost would be a reasonable estimate of the difference in cost of replacing the original sign. The future ongoing maintenance and liability of the sign remains with Island Roads.
- Authorised Attachment Application – The proposed new sign is approved by the Isle of Wight Council. Supply and installation can be undertaken by either Island Roads or by a competent contractor of the Parish Council’s choice, who is accredited to work on the highway, with all costs being met by the Parish Council. The ongoing maintenance and liability of the new sign would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. £10million Public Liability Insurance is required for Authorised Attachments, along with an inspection / maintenance regime and out of hours contact number should there be any issues with the sign outside of normal working hours.

Please could you advise which of the above processes you would like to proceed with and we will liaise with the Isle of Wight Council regarding agreement in principle. However, please be advised that the final design and dimensions of the sign will be required before final approval can be considered.