

# St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

## Report #11.5

### Surfacing of Cowbridge Permissive Path

#### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To provide the Council with relevant information from the quotations received for this work to enable it to consider and decide which provides the best value, taking into account such factors as cost, experience and method of operation.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Most councillors will be well aware of the history of the establishment of the permissive path. An initial s106 Agreement, associated with the Cowbridge residential development, was earmarked to provide a safe pedestrian/cycle route to Malmesbury. This led to a negotiated lease of a permissive path along the former railway embankment. For various reasons insufficient funds were available to complete the project as planned. Funds are now available to the Council to complete the original concept.
- 2.2 The outstanding element of the original planning consent for the permissive path is the delivery of a suitable surface to provide a level, all weather link to enable pedestrians, cyclists, pushchairs, wheelchair and mobility scooter users, to travel safely and sustainably between Cowbridge and Malmesbury.
- 2.3 In line with the Council's Financial Regulations, three quotations have been obtained for the work, all proposing a crushed stone surface, 3 metres wide, with sufficient camber to minimise water damage. There are differences in the duration of the work, in the project management methodologies proposed, and in the prices quoted.
- 2.4 A table is appended to this report showing the main differences between the three tenders.

#### 3. Options

- 3.1 To request further information from any or all of the contractors
- 3.2 To make to a decision to award the contract to one of the companies that tendered
- 3.3 In the event that none of the quotations are acceptable, to seek further quotations

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications are set out in the attached table. The Council has sufficient identified funds to allow any of the three quotations to be chosen.

#### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Council is recommended to support Option 3.2