

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #07.4

Installation of Speed Gates in Milbourne

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek Council approval for the purchase and installation of speed gates at two sites in Milbourne.

2. Background

- 2.1 The principal residential development in the village of Milbourne sits either side of Milbourne Lane and the C67. This thoroughfare has a 30mph speed restriction however many motorists exceed this speed which is potentially hazardous for a village with limited pedestrian footways. A Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme has been in operation for a number of years, however its effectiveness in reducing the speed of vehicles is constrained by the shared availability of the equipment, volunteers' time and the follow-up action by Wiltshire Police.

- 2.2 The use of village gates is commonplace throughout the country as an additional visual reminder to motorists that they are entering an area/village within which a speed restriction applies, usually 30mph. It is reported that, in combination with other speed reduction initiatives, a reduction in speeding of about 5% can be achieved. Many communities clearly believe the increased awareness of a speed restriction is worth the investment; the road safety environment in Milbourne should be significantly improved. As an additional benefit the gates will provide the village with a 'sense of place'. The introduction of these speed gates could act as a pilot scheme for other locations in the parish

- 2.3 The Local Highways Engineer (LHE) has visited Milbourne, accompanied by Councillors, and identified two optimum locations for these gates; one site is just off the B4040 outside the property known as Olive Meade, the other is at the eastern extremity of the village by Manor Farm. If the Council wishes to proceed, the LHE advised that it needs to purchase the gates and be responsible for all future maintenance costs. Once delivered, Wiltshire Council (WC) will install the gates at nil cost to the Council. The LHE provided the name of a company frequently used by councils for the purchase of these facilities.

- 2.4 In conformity with the Council's financial regulations, three quotations are ideally required for Council consideration however, after investigation, it was found that only two companies are prominent in this market. The two quotations represent different specifications because Company B does not offer the range of gates and signage of Company A. Designs and visuals for the gates will be shown at the meeting. The gates should be added to the Council's asset register and insurance policy.

3. Options

- 3.1 To decide that gates are unnecessary in Milbourne.
- 3.2 To approve the purchase of the gates with the suggested design
- 3.3 To approve the purchase of the gates with another design

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Council has sufficient reserves from CIL contributions to fully fund this purchase.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Council is recommended to support Option 3.2

Cllr David Briggs
On behalf of Projects Working Party
25.07.2022

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Quotations

Company A - The gates are in white and manufactured in 'Everwood', a wood effect material.

- (i) the front ornate sign to read 'MILBOURNE in the Parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without' with a 30mph speed roundel incorporated above on a yellow background. Speed Watch Area sign located on one of the right end post. Rear ornate sign to show a 671 NSL roundel incorporated above on a yellow background
- (ii) the front ornate sign to read 'MILBOURNE in the Parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without' with a 30mph speed roundel incorporated above on a yellow background. Rear ornate sign to read 'Thank you for driving carefully' with a 671 NSL roundel incorporated above on a Yellow background
- (iii) the front ornate style sign to read 'MILBOURNE in the Parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without' with a 30mph speed roundel incorporated above on a yellow background. Speed Watch Area sign located on one of the right end post. Rear ornate style sign to show a 671 NSL roundel incorporated above on a yellow background
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The company provides a 12-month guarantee against faulty materials and workmanship which does not affect the Council's statutory rights. Illustrations of each sign will be provided at the meeting.

Company B - The gates are in white and manufactured from 100% recycled plastic. A variety of designs are available but this appears to refer to the design of the gate. The gates appear to be designed as an addition to the traffic signs already in place. The quotation provided appeared to be for a very basic option.

Company	Dimensions	Position	£
A	(i) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.7m width	Milbourne Lane end - LHS	2268.80
	(ii) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.7m width	Milbourne Lane end - RHS	2053.86
	(iii) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.5m width	Manor Farm end - LHS	1735.44
	(iv) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.5m width	Manor Farm end - RHS	1528.50
	Total (excluding VAT)		7578.60
B	(i) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.8m width	Milbourne Lane end - LHS	670.00
	(ii) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.8m width	Milbourne Lane end - RHS	670.00
	(iii) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.0m width	Manor Farm end - LHS	470.00
	(iv) 1 x 2.3m height & 1.0m width	Manor Farm end - RHS	470.00
	(v) 4 x Milbourne signs		560.00
	(vi) 4 x 30mph roundels		160.00
	(vii) 4 x NSL roundels		160.00
	(viii) Delivery		60.00
Total (excluding VAT)		3220.00	