

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #07.5

Additional bench for Milbourne

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To enable Council to decide whether to purchase and install a replacement bench in Milbourne

2. Background

- 2.1 The condition of the previous bench sited on the green space in the middle of the village had deteriorated to the extent that it had to be removed. The benches were well used by local residents and cyclists on the national cycle route that passes through Milbourne.
- 2.2 If the bench is replaced it will need to be added to the Council's asset register and insurance policy.

3. Options

- 3.1 Decide not to replace the bench
- 3.2 Replace the bench with a 5ft, solid teak, 3 seater bench from Sloane & Sons, Burton on Trent at a cost of £399 including VAT, (net cost £332.50); delivery is free.
- 3.3 Seek additional quotations from manufacturers for a bench of similar quality, however it should be noted that for items under £500 our Financial Regulations only require one quote.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of this purchase can be covered from the Council's Earmarked Reserves (EMR).

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Council is recommended to support Option 3.2