

# St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

## Report #07.6

### Picnic Tables for Chippenham and Rodbourne Roads Playing Fields

#### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To enable the Council to decide whether to purchase and install a picnic table for the use of local residents at both the Chippenham Road and Rodbourne Road playing fields.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Both the Chippenham Road and Rodbourne Road playing fields are operated and maintained by the Council on 7-year leases from Wiltshire Council, pending the full asset transfer taking place.
- 2.2 During the upgrading of the facilities at the Chippenham Road playing field some years ago the available funding did not allow some of the facilities requested by residents to be acquired. One such piece of equipment was a picnic table.
- 2.3 Due to the lack of funds mentioned in 2.2 above, the Rodbourne Road playing field did not receive any upgrading or new equipment. Presently the Project Working Party is liaising with local residents to understand what new equipment could be installed in this relatively small site. A picnic table would be the first of several new pieces of equipment being discussed with residents.
- 2.4 Presently no form of seating exists at either location where parents and/or children can sit as a family group.
- 2.5 If the picnic tables are purchased they will need to be added to the Council's asset register and insurance policy.

#### 3. Options

- 3.1 Decide not to purchase and install a picnic table at either site.
- 3.2 Purchase two 8-seater picnic tables from a company that supplies to business users at a unit cost of £174.95 + VAT plus a delivery charge of £40 + VAT. The total cost would be £389.90 + £77.98 VAT = £467.88
- 3.3 Seek additional quotations from manufacturers for picnic tables 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 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds.

#### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Council is recommended to support Option 3.2