

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #10.3

Purchase and Planting of Trees in various locations in the parish

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek Council approval for the purchase and planting of 7 bare rooted Upright Ornamental Pear Trees at Chippenham Road Playing Field, Corston (3), Milbourne Park (2) and Monks Park Milbourne (2).

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations residents have suggested that trees be planted to celebrate this great event.
- 2.2 The Corston playing field has the capacity to take three trees and is held on a 7-year lease by us.
- 2.3 The proposed verges at the two Milbourne locations are owned by W C Highways with whom we have sought approval and advice, particularly regarding underground services. The trees are only max 150 cms tall and we are advised to plant them at a depth of no more than 30 cms. This will ensure that the planting will not interfere with such services.
- 2.4 The planting will be undertaken by a contractor known to us and who has carried out work for us previously
- 2.5 The type of trees have been recommended by W C Tree Officer as being easily managed, only produce very small fruit that are not edible. Maximum tree dimensions after 20 years are 5 m high x 3 m wide.
- 2.6 We will need to ensure that sight lines for vehicles are not obstructed as the trees grow and will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance, the costs of which are not expected to be significant.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The cost of the trees is £33.99 net each after a bulk discount of 15% - No delivery costs.
- 3.2 The cost of the planting, including compost, stakes and tree ties is £46
- 3.3 Milbourne Residents have made it clear that they wish to contribute towards the local costs and have so far raised £200.
- 3.4 Our insurance policy covers us in respect of Public Liability Insurance

Costs summary:

Tree costs	7 Trees @ £33.99 each	£237.94 net
Planting Costs		£322.00 net
Less Milbourne Residents' Donations		£200.00
Net Cost to Parish		£359.94

- 3.5. The net cost to be covered by the council's accrued CIL funds.

3.6 As the net cost of all this work is under £500 only one quotation is necessary

4. Options

4.1 Do nothing.

4.2 Only carry out work at Corston Playing Field.

4.3 Only carry out work in Milbourne.

4.4 Carry out all work.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Council is recommended to support Option 4.4

Cllr David Briggs on behalf of the Project WP 20.10.2022