

# St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

## Report #02.2

### Surfacing of the Cowbridge Permissive Path

#### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To enable Council to decide whether to award the contract to the previously agreed preferred bidder.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The s106 agreement associated with the Cowbridge residential development provided funds to upgrade the footpath between the site and the town of Malmesbury. This financial contribution facilitated the negotiated lease of the railway embankment as a permissive path. For a number of reasons there were insufficient funds available to complete the project as envisaged and as the planning consent required.
- 2.2 Part of the CIL contribution from the Aldi supermarket development has provided the necessary funding to surface the path so that it will 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 this Council's Financial Regulations, three quotations were obtained for the work, all proposing a crushed stone surface, 3m wide, with sufficient camber to minimise water damage. At the November Council meeting, one of the three tenders was selected as the preferred option subject to further discussion with the contractor to clarify certain elements of the quotation.
- 2.4 Amendments, clarifications and a fixed costs quote of £17,110.30 plus VAT have now been received from the preferred contractor.
- 2.5 The working group overseeing this project has reviewed the documentation in detail and is of the view that the concerns/clarifications raised previously have been substantially dealt with.

#### 3. Options

- 3.1 To request yet further information/amendments from the contractor.
- 3.2 To award the contract to the preferred bidder.

#### 4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications are set out above. The amount identified above has been earmarked within the CIL funding available to the Council.

#### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Council is recommended to support Option 3.2