

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #02.3

Provision of Grit Bins

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To invite Council to consider the purchase and installation of grit/bins at the entrance to Monk's Park, Milbourne and Radnor Close, Corston.

2. Background

- 2.1 Individual requests have been received from residents living at both locations for the provision of a grit/salt bin. The request is supported by other residents living in these two small residential estates.
- 2.2 In both locations wintery conditions, snow and/or accumulation of compacted ice on the sloping road surfaces, has made manoeuvring vehicles extremely difficult. In the case of Radnor Close the exit from the estate is directly onto the increasingly busy A429.
- 2.3 Wiltshire Council no longer provide or provision requests for these facilities at new locations, therefore these grit/salt bins will need to be purchased and serviced by the Parish Council. WC has indicated approval for the bin in Milbourne to be located behind the bus stop near to the entrance to Monks Park. Approval for the siting of the Corston bin is under discussion with WC at the time of this report, but is expected to be positive.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The cost of purchasing a 100 litre bin would be £103 ex VAT. The grit/salt can be sourced for about £8 per 25kg bag, hence 3/4 bags will initially be needed to set up each bin resulting in an initial cost of £135 ex VAT.
- 3.2 The estimated ongoing annual cost per bin to the Council would be £32 ex VAT.

4. Options

- 4.1 To consider the requests unnecessary and poor value for money.
- 4.2 To support one, or both, of the requests.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Council is recommended to support the provision of these bins, with the Corston installation subject to obtaining siting approval from WC.

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On behalf of the Project WP
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