St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report # 3.3

Provision of grit bins

1. Purpose of the report

To request the Council to purchase and install grit bins at locations on the Foxley Road.

2 Background

2.1. Foxley and Common Roads are not gritted in snow and ice conditions with consequent difficulties for motorists and cyclists. It should be noted that both roads are popular for cyclists and Foxley Road is a Wiltshire recommended cycle route.

2.2 At its last meeting the Council agreed to provide and keep stocked, bins at Corston and Milbourne

3 Proposal

3.1 It is suggested that bins be provided at three locations on Foxley Road. Two would service the hill leading down to Truckle Bridge (one at the corner at the bottom of the hill and one either just before the boundary of the Old Barn or higher up the hill on the grass on which is the flower tub and the 'Malmesbury' sign. A further one would be placed on the grass by the entrance to Haddons Close. The hill is particularly dangerous in icy weather and ice and snow tends to get packed down and remains long after other similar roads are clear.

3.2 These bins would be serviced by the same 'man and his van' envisaged for the Corston and Milbourne bins. It is suggested that if this proposal is accepted the Clerk be asked to investigate the cost of such work so that it can be properly budgeted for.

3.3 The proposed siting of the bins is contingent on obtaining permission of Wiltshire Council.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The cost of the bins as stated at the last meeting is £76 per bin excluding delivery, shovels and grit. As authority for expenditure up to £300 was granted for two bins it is proposed that authority up to £450 be granted for these bins.

4.2 The annual cost of the bins to be properly costed.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council agrees to provide three bins at the sites proposed above contingent on obtaining Wiltshire Council approval at an initial cost of up to £450.

Cllr A Hopkins 20/3/23