

# St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

## Report #8.6

### Provision of a bench at Cowbridge

#### 1. Purpose of the report

1. To seek council approval for the purchase of a second bench at Cowbridge Mill.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 A bench was installed by the council in late 2022 in the area of green land adjacent to 112 Sir Bernard Lovell Road and the car park. It has been much appreciated and well used.
- 2.2. The council has now been asked by the residents' management committee if it would consider purchasing a second bench to be located in the same area.
- 2.2 The bench will need to be added to the council's asset register and covered by its insurance policy.
- 2.3 Sloane & Sons have supplied all the previous benches purchased by the council, and the quality of the benches has been very good.

#### 3. Options

- 3.1 Decide not to purchase the bench
- 3.2 Purchase the 3-seater, 5ft solid teak bench, with a suitably worded plaque, from Sloane & Sons, Burton on Trent at a cost of £494.10 including VAT and delivery (net cost £411.75)

#### 4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of this purchase can be covered from the council's general funds.
- 4.2 the council's Financial Regulations only require it to obtain one quote.

#### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The council is recommended to support Option 3.2

Cllr David Briggs  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2025