St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #09.3

Provision of picnic tables and a bench at Corston playgrounds

1. Purpose of the report

1.1. To invite the council to approve the purchase of two picnic tables and a bench for use at the two playgrounds in Corston.

2. Background

2.1. During the comprehensive consultation with residents about the type of play equipment required at the Rodbourne Road playground, it was suggested repeatedly that a suitably positioned picnic table and a bench would be warmly received by users of the playground. It was suggested that the bench might be positioned close to the play equipment to enable parents to sit and keep an eye on younger children during their play. The PWP has sourced a rainbow coloured picnic table and bench that would complement the new play equipment. They are made from 100% recycled plastic, are maintenance free, sustainable, do not rot, corrode or splinter and have a 25 year guarantee.

2.2. Subsequent to the consultation exercise above, it emerged that users of the Chippenham Road playground have requested whether a picnic table could be provided in this facility. It is proposed that a more basic wooden picnic table is provided that will complement the facilities already in place.

2.3. The cost of the proposed package would be…

Co	Description	Cost ex VAT	VAT @ 20%
A	Rainbow heavy duty picnic table	£449	
A	Rainbow heavy duty traditional 3 seat bench	£456	
A	Delivery	£120	£1230
B	Basic wooden bench, delivery free	£228	£274
	Total		£1504

3. Options

3.1. To consider the purchase of all three pieces of equipment unnecessary
3.2. To support the purchase of a picnic table and bench for the Rodbourne Road playground
3.3. To support the purchase of all three pieces of equipment

4. Financial Implications

4.1. The council could fund the cost of options 2 or 3 from its general reserve or CIL contributions.

5. Recommendation

5.1. The council is recommended to support Option 3.3.

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On behalf of the Project WP
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Appendix