

# St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

## Report #10.7

### Access to Rodbourne post box and notice board

#### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To request council to consider providing all weather access to these facilities in Rodbourne village

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The village post box, the council notice board, and another notice board, are all sited on the verge by the church on the main road through Rodbourne. Concerns have been expressed by residents about the difficulty of reaching the post box as the verge is often very muddy. The recent photographs attached to this report on page 2 support this statement. The pictures indicate that cars pull right up onto the verge to avoid occupants stepping out onto the mud thereby adding to the deterioration of the surface. It is anticipated that the provision of a hard surface access from the road would prevent this happening.
- 2.2 Council recently approved expenditure on the provision of a hard surface access to the facilities on 'The Green' in Milbourne and this type of surface would provide a simple but effective solution to this problem. Some investigation would need to be undertaken to ascertain the ownership of the verge, however it is likely to be Wiltshire Highways, and then to consult to obtain formal agreement to proceed with the proposed hard surface..
- 2.3 At this stage the cost indicated in this report is only an estimate based upon the cost of the similar project in Milbourne; a contingency has been included. Approval in principle for the level of expenditure in 4.1 is sought to enable the necessary consultation with potential landowners to proceed, and cost quotations to be sourced.

#### 3. Options

- 3.1 To consider the proposal unnecessary
- 3.2 To agree to authorise expenditure as outlined in 4.1 below

#### 4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The quotation accepted for the provision of a hard surface access at Milbourne was £670. Agreement is sought for up to £1250, subject to the necessary formal landowner approval and best value in the contractor selection being obtained. The council can service the cost of this proposal from its CIL contributions..

#### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The council is recommended to support Option 3.2

