

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 6 February 2024

Title: Purchase of a bin

Purpose of Report

For Members to consider purchasing a litter bin for the path along Shudrick stream.

Recommendation:

1. Members resolve to request replacement bins **are/are not** installed along the footpath by Shudrick stream on Fairfield.
2. Members resolve to request officers to purchase a bin **and/or** use the spare bin.

Background:

1. The Town Council have the responsibility of providing and maintaining litter bins that are not on Town Council land. Somerset Council have the responsibility of collecting the waste from the litter bins that are not on Town Council land.
2. During 2023/24, a litter bin was removed by Somerset Council from the area of the footpath that runs close to Fairfield, alongside Shudrick stream. This was due to local residents misusing the bin by filling it with cat litter and leaving boxes of household recycling next to it.
3. During the same period of time, it was reported that another bin along the same footpath had been removed, but officers have not been able to identify by whom or whether it may have been stolen, as surprisingly, this does happen.
4. There have been many comments made on social media regarding the disappearance of these two bins. Some residents believe people should just take their rubbish home and place it in their recycling bins, while others have demanded replacement bins.
5. This footpath is primarily used by local residents and not visitors to the town. In the town centre bins would be required, but it could be argued that bins are not required in residential areas. It may also be an opportunity to encourage residents to take their litter home.

Report:

1. After the removal of the litter bin in Fairfield, people continued to leave litter in that area. However, after a few weeks that stopped, and it was reported that the area is now clear of litter. It is worth noting that Ham Hill removed litter bins completely, and the area is now litter free.

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- Members are aware of the devolution of Somerset Council's assets and services to Town Council's which include the possibility of becoming responsible for waste collections from areas of Ilminster that are not currently their responsibility.
- The Town Council carried out a residents survey during November and December 2023 regarding the devolution of services from Somerset Council. The result from that highlighted that collection of waste from the litter bins and dog bins is a priority for residents.
- The cost of waste collection has been quoted between £8-£10 per visit per bin. There are currently 20 litter bins and 6 dog waste bins that are located around Ilminster that are not on Town Council land. Therefore, one waste collection per week for 26 bins could cost a minimum of **£10,816** per year. The locations of existing bins can be seen on **Appendix 10A**.
- Members may choose to replace the missing bins which will of course attract further charges for waste collection at a later date should the Town Council either pay for the service or employ their own staff to collect the waste.
- If Members choose to replace the bins, the grounds team currently have a used bin available to be fitted, or the cost of a new litter bin from Glasdon is £580.00 (ex.VAT). This could be funded from General Reserves.

The screenshot shows the Glasdon website interface. At the top left is the Glasdon logo with the tagline "Quality By Design". To the right, there is a newsletter sign-up button and contact information: "Call one of our experts - 01253 600410 or Request a callback" and "enquiries@glasdon-uk.co.uk". A shopping cart icon shows "0 items: £0.00" and a "View Quote" link. A "Free Delivery" banner is also present with a note "*Terms and Conditions Apply".

The main navigation bar includes links for Home, Company, Products, Express Products, Products by Industry, and Careers. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar.

The product page features a large image of a black litter bin with a gold band and a dog silhouette logo. To the right of the image, the price is listed as "£580.00 excluding VAT" and "£696.00 inc. VAT", with a note "Includes free delivery*". Below the price are several action buttons: "Add to Basket", "How can I pay?", "How can I get a quote?", "Quick Quote", and "Schedule Product Demo".

Below the product image, there are several configuration options:

- Quantity: 1 (with minus and plus buttons)
- Colour: Black +£0.00 (dropdown menu)
- Banding: Gold bands +£0.00 (dropdown menu)
- Liner Option: Metal Liner +£0.00 (dropdown menu)
- Ground Lock fixing tool +£36.79 (checkbox with question mark)
- Fixing Options: Concrete Foundation Fixing Bolts x: (dropdown menu with question mark)
- Smoking Control: -- Not required -- (dropdown menu with question mark)
- REEN Bin Sensor (checkbox with question mark)
- Box of 30 Black Sacks - sack B - 014/2023 + £9.45 (checkbox with question mark)
- Graphics: Bin-it symbol - Gold +£0.00 (dropdown menu)

At the bottom of the product image area, there is a section titled "You may also be interested in..." with a small image of another product.

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