

Committee: Planning, Highways and Transport

Date: 4th July 2023

Title: Request for a bin next to the Orchard Vale bus shelter

Purpose of Report

For Members to consider the addition of a bin to the Orchard Vale bus shelter following a request from the public.

Recommendation:

Members resolve to delegate authority to Officers to investigate and implement the placement of a bin near the bus shelter on Orchard Vale.

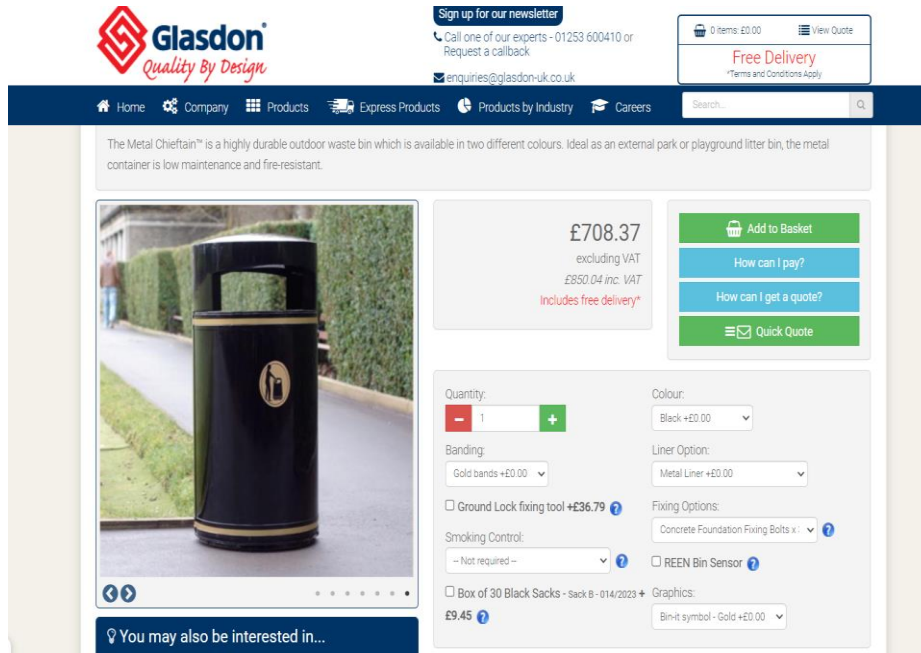
Background:

1. In July 2020, a bus shelter was installed on Orchard Vale by the Town Council which was funded by a donation made by local residents.
2. In order to install the bus shelter, the Town Council gained a lease with South Somerset District Council (now Somerset Council) for the rectangle of land that it sits on at no cost apart from the legal fees. There is very little room around the bus shelter on the rectangle of concrete to be able to site a bin.
3. There are two bins in the vicinity of the bus shelter, one by the library and one across the road between the petrol station and the bungalows. These are currently emptied by Somerset Council.
4. Our grounds team are only responsible for emptying bins on Town Council land.

Report:

5. A request has been received from a member of the public enquiring if the town council will consider placing a bin on the land near or within the Orchard Vale bus stop. This is because the bus stop seems to attract lots of rubbish, which is unsightly, and gets blown around.
6. The Town Clerk has a meeting with Jon Brown, Street Scene along with his Localities Officer, from Somerset Council on Friday 7th July 2023 to discuss future requirements for collection of rubbish and recycling within Ilminster and to understand how policy may be changing in the future.
7. It is intended that the discussion will be about the future for bins and recycling requirements. Consideration also needs to be given to whether to replace bins like with like or as a recycling bin. There are currently perception issues that will need addressing if recycling bins are installed but collections are then unable to handle the different bins suitably.

8. The current cost of a bin that is in keeping with the current style we have in place within Ilminster will cost approx. £708 excluding VAT.



9. There may also be a cost implication for the Town Council should Somerset Council agree to the installation but wish to be paid for the extra collection requirement. This and other refuse charges may become clearer during the clerk's meeting with Somerset officers.
10. Members resolve to delegate authority to officers to investigate and implement the placement of a bin near the bus shelter, Orchard Vale.

Allison Brown
Administration Officer
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