

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 5 December 2023

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.
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 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 this does happen.
4. There have been many comments made on social media regarding the disappearance of these two bins. Some residents who 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.

Report:

1. In July, officers met with representatives of Somerset Council with regard to waste collection from these bins. Initially, looking at replacement co-mingle bins which have been brought before Members in previous meetings.
2. Members are also aware that the recent news of devolution of Somerset Council's assets and services to Town Council's include the possibility of

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becoming responsible for waste collections from areas of Ilminster that are not currently their responsibility.

3. The Town Council are currently carrying out a community survey regarding the devolution of services and so far, the collection of waste from the litter and dog bins is a priority for residents.
4. As the footpath is used primarily by local residents, it may be an opportunity to encourage residents to get into a habit of taking their litter home.
5. Members may choose to replace the two bins. This will of course attract 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.
6. If Members choose to replace the bins, the grounds team currently have a used bin available to be fitted, and the cost of a new litter bin from Glasdon is £745.16 (ex.VAT). This could be funded from Earmarked Reserves of £2,506.00 currently held for Open Spaces Purchases.



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 "Sign up for our newsletter" 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 the note "*Terms and Conditions Apply".

The main navigation bar includes: 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 gold bands. To the right of the image, the price is displayed as "£745.16" (excluding VAT), with "£894.19 inc. VAT" and "Includes free delivery*" below it. A vertical stack of buttons includes "Add to Basket", "How can I pay?", "How can I get a quote?", "Quick Quote", and "Schedule Product Demo".

Below the image and price, there are 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, checked)
- Smoking Control: -- Not required -- (dropdown menu)
- Fixing Options: Concrete Foundation Fixing Bolts x: (dropdown menu)
- REEN Bin Sensor (checkbox, unchecked)

7. Members may wish to request one or two replacement bins are/are not installed along the footpath by Shudrick stream.

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December 2023