

Grit Bins
Planning, Highways & Transport Committee 6 august 2019

RECOMMENDED

- (i) That the Committee decides whether or not it will fund the provision of additional salt bins**
- (ii) That if the Committee is minded to fund additional salt bins that it agrees the location for the new provision so that discussions can be started with Somerset County Council**

Introduction

1. At the March 2019 Planning, Highways and Transport meeting it was resolved to investigate the potential location and costs for grit / salt bins.

Information Obtained

2. Somerset County Council, as highways authority have provided the following information *“The provision of grit bins are the responsibility of the parish/town councils, they would need to identify the locations, we would then check them out to ensure they are safe locations and then once agreed the parish/town council would then purchase the bins and install them. This year we did fill grit bins for free, at this time it is not guaranteed for the next winter.”*
3. Salt bins are available in a variety of sizes, shapes and colours and some have lockable lids.
A 400litre (e.g.12600w X 710h X 750 deep) salt bin will cost approx. £200.00
4. When bought in bulk (e.g. 20+bags X 25kg per bag) it would cost approx. £80.00 to fill a 400ltr salt bin with brown de-icing rock salt.
5. The Town Council Office received requests / suggestions that salt bins should be located on Listers Hill and Hill View Terrace.
6. There are salt bins on Blackdown View but reports are that the bins have not been filled for a long time.

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