
STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL



Town Council Grit Bin Service

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INTRODUCTION

Council has decided that it would be beneficial to provide an extra Grit Bin Service to the residents of Stanley. As you are aware it has been a long process as we needed the Principal Authority Durham County Council (DCC) to relax its policy to allow the Town Council to provide this facility. We have now been granted permission from DCC to carry this service out. Reference to the decision Council **RESOLVED** at its meeting on 23/02/2016 that:

- “(i) the assessment criteria for the provision of salt bins should be clarified; and
- (ii) the Town Clerk should explore the costs of providing and maintaining our own salt bins on private land.” (*Minute #548 of 2015/16 refers*)

CURRENT POSITION

A number of sites were identified by members in respect of the proposed need for additional Salt Bins. These locations have been plotted on maps and checked against the assessment criteria for bin provision by myself and an Officer from DCC.

In Total 19 sites were identified. All of the proposed sites were visited and assessment carried out with a point scoring process, when I asked Members to provide possible sites to be considered. I made it clear that not all sites would be approved following the criteria applied in the DCC Policy.

I advise that we have had 11 sites approved for the Town Council to provide its own salt bins. Below are the 11 approved sites.

- (i) A suitable location outside/near Catchgate School
 - (ii) Near 157 Holly Hill West (just off Tyne Road Bank) opp School
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- (iii) Chester Road Estate/old people area – Grassed section outside 53-56
- (iv) Near entrance to Harelaw Gardens
- (v) Good Street Estate – Steep hill/turning left onto the estate
- (vi) Errington Drive/Tanfield Lea – Outside No 34
- (vii) Junction at Thorntree Terrace & Penshaw Gardens
- (viii) West Kyo – Outside the Earl Grey PH
- (ix) Top of bank – Outside the Crown & Thistle (Catchgate)
- (x) Outside Harelaw Church at the top of Carrmyers
- (xi) Keir Hardie & Marx Crescent (South Stanley)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The bulk of cost towards providing this service is in the initial outlay for the bins and installation costs. I have agreed with DCC that there will be no charge for refilling of the bins when individual stock levels of bins are low, however it will be down to our Environmental Caretakers to carry out and check on levels. Members should be aware that this service is in addition to the winter gritting routes, so will have an opportunity cost in relation to the work the team currently do.

We will need to ensure the bins have Town Council branding to ensure get recognition for their presence. This will have a cost. In most cases the bins will not need to be secured to the ground, however when installation of the bins is carried out. I will need to make an assessment at the time of installation for each bin location and consider if additional securing measures are necessary, (a small budget will be required for this).

Please be aware the schedule of costs below is over estimated to ensure we can cover any hidden costs that may arise as this is a new service, it is hard to provide exact figures.

Item	Cost (£)
Bins*	3250
Branding	1000
Installation	500
TOTAL	4750

*Figures based on 13 bins, one for each location and 2 stock

RECOMMENDATION

Committee should **RECOMMEND** that

- (i) Full Council **AUTHORISES** the Town Clerk to incur expenditure to implement the proposals outlined in the report.
 - (ii) The existing gritting routes should be left as agreed with Durham County Council to reflect that gaps in provision are being addressed by the provision of additional salt bins. The current routes were proposed by DCC fHighways maintenance services to have the biggest impact in terms of footfall etc.
 - (iii) Review the provision of bins in 12 months or as problems arise It is good practice to review our winter maintenance service works for 2016/2017.
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