
Report To: Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee **Date:** 10th June 2024

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Subject: Flytipping and Bins as requested
by Cllr Wilson

1. Bin Requests

- 1.1 The Parish Team order bins once or twice a year. Red dog bins are gradually rusting out and are replaced with full size bins as and when. We currently have one outstanding Councillor request which is for a full size bin to replace an existing bin on Idovers Drive bus stop.
- 1.2 Challenges remain in place at Freshbrook Village Centre as it is dependent on Tesco's emptying the bins outside their premises over the weekend period. Village centre bin emptying is a priority for emptying on Monday mornings.
- 1.3 It is useful to maintain a small stock of large bins to allow for replacement through the year.

2. Flytipping & Plastic Waste

Councillors are asked to note the following

- *The majority of flytipping happens in Toothill and similarly but at a lower frequency – Freshbrook. This tends to be broken toys, furniture, appliances and household waste. Across the wider area of the Parish, flytipping is mostly waste that is tipped over fences (most commonly where there is a neighbouring tree line in public open space.*
- *Incidents of flytipping increased exponentially last Winter during the changes to doorstep waste collection but have lessened more recently to the areas above.*
- *Volunteers are using red sacks to highlight volunteer litter picking waste and this appears to be working well and seems to have reduced flytipping being left beside public bins*

- 2.1 The dilemma for the Parish Council is that efficient collection of flytipped waste shows that this is an effective means to get rid of unwanted furniture, refuse and

other household waste. If the Parish Council does not remove efficiently, it provides an opportunity for extra waste to be added to the first accumulation.

2.2 If there are large accumulations that are beyond the capacity of a single worker/van the Parish team will refer this to Swindon Borough Council for collection. Some waste such as refrigerators, tyres and fridges are classed as hazardous waste and is outside the transportation license of the Parish Council and will also be referred on.

2.3 **Considerations**

The collection of flytipping is a costly service as it requires off loading at the household recycling centre. It is also physically demanding and time consuming. The prevalence of incidents social housing areas suggests that other partners such as Swindon Borough Council could do more as the primary landlord. There is also the Housing Wardens service that could be proactive around keeping social housing outdoor spaces clean and tidy.

2.4 A flyer could be distributed to target areas explaining the role of the Parish Council and the options available regarding household waste.

3. **Recommendations**

3.1 That the Committee notes the information and considers whether there should be any changes to the Parish Council's response to flytipping

3.2 The Committee approves the purchase of six bins for Council stock at a cost of around £2,100 and approves the additional bin location

3.3 That the Committee considers urging Swindon Borough Council Housing to improve tenants' presentation of related waste

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