

Waste Bins and Recycling

At its October meeting, the Parish Council asked the clerk to look at options for increasing capacity of waste bins on the Recreation Ground and Six Acres, and whether bins in the play areas could be emptied by West Suffolk in future. Following a meeting with Andrew Harvey of West Suffolk, the following options were discussed:

1. the 4 litter bins at the playing field could be emptied at West Suffolk. These would be charged at the same flat rate of £3.02 per bin per empty (once a week), a total of £628.16 per annum (The annual cost of emptying a litter/dog bin is currently £157.04).
2. upgrading 3 of the existing dog bins (MSC car park, Recreation Ground and Six Acres to Lockdown frames so that the capacity is considerably increased and litter can be disposed of as well.
The cost per lockdown is currently £315.99 with no installation cost and currently no emptying costs so once purchased the parish council would be saving money.
3. The fourth dog bin (currently in the far north eastern corner of the field) to be removed and replaced with a combined dog and litter bin, installed near to the public footpath sign at Coltsfoot Green. This would ease collection and make it safer for WS operatives. The cost of this bin and installation would be £346.99, with the ongoing emptying cost of £3.02 per empty. It would increase the capacity and this type of bin would look more aesthetically pleasing as it is so close to a neighbouring property.

There would be no charge for removing any of the existing dog bins if they were to be upgraded to newer bins (images supplied at Appendix A).

The cost implications of moving to the new arrangement set out above would be:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Current Waste Bin Collection	£471.12 (paid)		
Collection from litter bins in play areas	£144.96 (based on 3 months)	£628.16	£628.16
Upgrade 3 dog bins to lockdowns	£315.99 per bin £947.97		
Upgrade 1 dog bin to combined bin	£346.99	£157.04	£157.04
Total	£1911.94	£785.20	£785.20

There are currently two litter bins in the main play area at Cemetery Road. If this were to be reduced, for example, to one lockdown bin, the initial outlay would increase from (£1440.82 to £1756.81), and the annual costs would reduce to £628.16.

Parish Councils have the power to provide and maintain litter bins in streets and other public spaces and contribute to their provision and maintenance under the Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6.

There is currently £1990 in the Six Acres budget line in the current financial year. The parish council holds £1500 in Earmarked reserves under the Safety & Security budget line which could be considered to contribute towards the capital outlay (improving public health and safety through a reduction in littering).

Recommendation:

The committee authorise the cost of initial outlay for up to four lockdown bins and one combined bin at a cost of not more than £1610.95 and a weekly cost in the current financial year of £3.02 per collection.

Glass Recycling

West Suffolk is always looking for potential new sites if there is sufficient demand for recycling facilities especially for bottle banks as long as they are accessible to be emptied. Initial quotes on payments are £30 per tonne. If the parish council were to agree new sites on some of the outlying greens, it may be possible long term to generate additional income to offset the costs of waste collection.

Action:

The committee is asked whether it would like the clerk to further investigate the option to site additional glass recycling bins across the parish.

Combined Litter and Dog Waste Options

Metal Floor Mounted

A bin which allows both litter and dog waste to be deposited in the same receptacle with an optional ashtray for cigarette ends contained within the hood.

They are made of steel, floor mounted and have a 112 litre capacity.

Current cost is £289.99 (+VAT) plus installation



Lock down wheelie bin frame

A 240 litre wheelie bin is locked to a frame with restricted opening so people cannot deposit sacks of waste.

The unit can be placed on any level surface and can be moved if necessary to a different location as it is held in place with a slab.

It can take both litter and bagged dog waste.

Current cost is £295.99 (no installation cost)

