

ITEM 9

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Allocation of new Grit Bins</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 24 requests for new Grit Bins in the Chippenham Community Area

## **1. Background**

- 1.1. Wiltshire Council provides grit bins at suitable locations on minor roads not routinely treated with salt. The bins are filled with salt at the beginning of the winter season, and refilled periodically as the salt is used.
- 1.2. Earlier this year Wiltshire Council carried out a review of grit bins with the Town and Parish Councils to confirm the location and condition of the 983 existing bins. As a result 65 of the bins are now being repaired or replaced.
- 1.3. 9 parishes in the Chippenham community area did not respond or did not require additional grit bins.
- 1.4. Following the severe weather last winter a large number of requests for additional bins were received. It is not feasible to meet the cost of providing and filling the 422 additional bins requested, but it would be possible to provide about 100 new bins.
- 1.5. The list of requested new bins in the Chippenham community area is at Appendix A
- 1.6. It is necessary to prioritise the provision of these bins which represent a 10% increase in bins across the county.
- 1.7. Each Area Board has been allocated a 10% increase in the number of bins in their area.

## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. The 10% increase in the number of grit bins equates to 5 new bins in the Chippenham community area.
- 2.2. Grit bins are not provided on roads routinely treated by the Councils gritters
- 2.3. It is important to note that grit bins are not the only measure by which the Council distributes rock salt on the highway network. The Primary Gritting Routes and Secondary Gritting Route plans are available on the Council's website:  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/gritting.htm>
- 2.4. Salt must only be used on the highway. It is not for use on private drives or other property.
- 2.5. Bins must be located so they do not obstruct the carriageway, footways or visibility
- 2.6. Grit bins are usually placed on highway land, but may be placed on private land with the owner's agreement
- 2.7. To ensure road safety, locations will have to be agreed by the area highway staff.
- 2.8. Wiltshire Council will arrange for the bins to be installed.

2.9. Arrangements will be made for the bins to be refilled, but in severe weather the gritting and clearing of snow from the main roads may have to take priority.

2.10 Wiltshire Council can provide Town and Parish Councils with 1 tonne bags of salt in order to speed up the refilling of grit bins provided they have suitable under cover storage and the capability to fill bins in their area.

2.11 The agreed list of sites for the new grit bins will be provided to the area highway office as soon as possible so that the site can be inspected, and the bins installed and filled before the start of this winter.

### 3. Officer recommendations

The Area Highways Officer assessed the listed sites and considered:

- The volume of traffic in the area
- The accessibility of the location
- The proximity to either a Primary or Secondary gritting route
- Population affected
- Gradient of inclines
- The topography of area to include those roads in shade for most of the day
- The likely usage of the grit bin
- Areas where water on the carriageway is a problem.

Parish	Location	Area Highway Engineer assessment
Castle Combe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Whitegates estate towards rear.</li> <li>2. In Whitegates estate towards rear.</li> <li>3. On hill on the Ford side of the lower village where spring runs across road.</li> <li>4. On Westway Close near racing circuit.</li> </ol>	3. Is most appropriate as within a valley in shade for most of the day. Packed snow/ice present last winter.
Christian Malford	On Church Road opposite the school	Appropriate as adjacent to primary school
Kington St Michael	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At The Close</li> <li>2. At The Almshouses</li> <li>3. At The Orchard cul-de-sac</li> <li>4. On The Ham Rd</li> </ol>	One site on the main road and the three other sites are located close to the main road. The main road is on the All Route Gritting Programme.

Parish	Location	Area Highway Engineer assessment
Kington Langley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Along Day's Lane by turning</li> <li>2. Along Plough Lane near junction with A350</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No properties nearby</li> <li>2. A grit bin was previously placed at this location &amp; drainage issues have since been resolved through civil works</li> </ol>
Nettleton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drifton Hill</li> <li>2. Drifton Hill near Brook Farm</li> <li>3. End of Wood Lane near junction</li> <li>4. Junction in Nettleton Shrub</li> <li>5. Near Stepping Stones Plantation</li> <li>6. On Nettleton Rd on bend just past Priory Farm</li> <li>7. On Nettleton Rd just past junction and before The Piggeries</li> <li>8. On Nettleton Rd opposite Burton Farm</li> <li>9. On Nettleton Rd on bend just after entrance/exit to Church Hill</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, 2 &amp; 3 There is good grit bin provision in this area already.</li> <li>4. Site is appropriate as this is a steep junction to Fosse Way</li> <li>5. Appears to benefit one property only, but steep hill</li> <li>6. Area well served by Grit Bin</li> <li>7. Grit bin in situ</li> <li>8. Grit bin in situ but damaged. This will be replaced</li> <li>9. Site is appropriate as steep hill on approach to B4039</li> </ol>
Sutton Benger	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At junction of High St and Sutton Lane</li> <li>2. At junction of High St and Chestnut Rd</li> </ol>	<p>Both sites are located in close proximity to a Primary Gritting Route and will be gritted on precautionary salting runs.</p>

Parish	Location	Area Highway Engineer assessment
Yatton Keynell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Along B4039 opposite the school, although the location is still to be confirmed</li> <li>2. At the junction of The Street with the B4039, although the location is still to be confirmed</li> </ol>	Both sites located on/or close to a Primary Gritting Route and will be gritted on precautionary salting runs.

Officers are of the opinion that additional grit bins should be provided on the following sites:

- On the hill on the Ford side of the lower village where spring runs across road
- On Church Road opposite the school
- At junction in Nettleton Shrub
- On Nettleton Rd on bend just after entrance/exit to Church Hill

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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