

## **SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Parking Issues in Farnborough Rd**

**Planning & Environment Committee – 4 September 2018**

#### **1. Introduction**

The parking issues were last discussed by the Parish Council at the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting on 24 October 2017.

#### **2. Report Details**

- 2.1** At the meeting on 24 October 2018 Cllr C Watts informed Councillors that there were issues with parking in the area which was not helped by people using the allotment site at Cranmore Avenue. It was agreed at this stage for more details of costing should be obtained and brought back to a future meeting.
- 2.2** The Clerk and Cllr C Watts had a site meeting with officers from Swindon Borough Council and it has taken many months to finally receive a quotation. Details are attached.
- 2.3** The main work will be to remove a grass area and replace it with tarmac which will provide additional parking spaces. This work had been earmarked to be completed by Localities before the introduction of the Parish Councils. Due to this taking place the project was shelved on the understanding that it would be completed from transitional funds provided to the Parish Council.
- 2.4** Having spoken to the design engineer, there may be an opportunity to reduce this quotation further to nearer £10K and the figure quoted would be the maximum required.
- 2.5** This is a one-off project to provide additional parking for residents and allotment holders and there will be no revenue costs in the future.
- 2.6** As this is Highways work that can only be completed by the Highway Authority it is not possible to obtain alternative quotations. Financial Regulations 11 a (ii) would apply as this is a specialist service.
- 2.7** Should the Parish Council decided to go ahead with this scheme, then a decision would need to be made on whether to carry out some form of public consultation before implementing the scheme.

#### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1** That the Clerk negotiates with Swindon Borough Council to reduce the price to nearer £10K for the additional parking spaces.
- 3.2** That the views of the Committee be sought on whether to carry out any public consultation.
- 3.3** That the Chair and Vice-Chair be delegated authority to accept the quotation from Swindon Borough Council up to a maximum cost of £11,101.91 for the parking spaces and the cost be met from the Open Space Fund.