



Meeting Date – 21 June 2022

Agenda item – 11 To note problems with West Oxfordshire District Council's Litter Bin Placement and Renewal Programme and agree actions.

Executive summary

To understand the background behind West Oxfordshire District Council's (WODC) changes to bins in Eynsham and to consider what actions should be undertaken next.

Background information

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) has adopted a number of policies to help guide the placement of waste bins. Their team has removed the majority of old 25ltr dog waste bins and metal litter bins and if they were located close together they were replaced with a new 90ltr dual bin where residents can dispose of litter and bagged dog waste. The content is then sent to the Ardley Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) which diverts at least 95% of Oxfordshire's residual municipal waste away from landfill, more details about the ERF can be found here -

<https://www.viridor.co.uk/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/ardley-erf/>

The team has also removed bins that fall outside the new policy. These can include two bins being close to each other, bins that are in residential areas and bins that are not accessible for disabled people.

A number of parish and town councils pay for the waste bins to be emptied. As part of the programme, WODC will be reviewing these and bins that fall outside the policy which have been requested by Town and Parish Councils, will need to be paid for by them. In addition, bins that are located on land that is owned by Town and Parish Councils or third parties will also need to be paid for by them in the future.

They advise that they '...are working methodically but it's inevitable that we will get some decisions wrong and I apologise for this in advance. If this happens we will of course review the decision we have made and are committed to finding a solution as we know litter and dog bins are an important community asset.'

EPC currently pays £2,005 p.a. for bin emptying. These are Bitterell Road bin (£364.32) and various dog bin emptying (£1641).

Work undertaken (8 April 2022)

| No | Location | Problem | Resolution |
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| 1 | Pavilion/Oxford Road Playing Field (South) | Dog waste bin removed and litter bin by Pavilion has been removed - both replaced with a multi-use bin installed by the entrance to the car park. Both bins were heavily used and now creates a capacity issue. | New multi-use bin installed by the Pavilion bench. |
| 2 | Oxford Road Play Area/Oxford Road Playing Field (North) | Bin removed from Oxford Road Play Area and installed in a footpath by the car park. Completely the wrong location as it won't get used and is in the way on the footpath. | Removed the new dual bin on the footpath next to the car park. Replaced the dual use bin inside the play park with a LITTER ONLY bin. |
| 3 | Spareacre Lane | Heavily used dog bin removed from junction of Greens Road/Spareacre Lane probably on the assumption people will use the new bin by the Spar Shop/Fish & Chip Shop. Inappropriate for dog waste to be next to food retailers and capacity issue. | Relocated multi-use bin from the Spar Shop/Fish & Chip shop to the Greens Road/ Spareacre Lane junction and installed a litter only bin by the Spar Shop/Fish & Chip Shop. |
| 4 | Chil Bridge Road | Both dog bins removed from the Chil Bridge Road and a multi-use bin installed by the roundabout. | Relocated new bin at the Chil Bridge Road roundabout (junction with Witney Road) to the bridge / footpath that leads into Thornbury green from the Chil Bridge Road (wide path on the right). |
| 5 | The Square | Bin removed from next to St Leonard's Church. | Added another multiuse bin to St Leonards Church where the old one was removed from. |
| 6 | Fishponds park (Off Station Road) | 2 x replace | Replaced litter bin in middle of park by picnic bench. Replaced dog bin between Fishponds and South Field. |
| 7 | Newland Street | Dog bin and litter bin replaced with a multiuse bin causing a capacity issue. | WODC advise: The bins outside the centre of the village are scheduled to be emptied every week. There have been 17 staff off with Covid over the last few weeks and this may have caused delays in emptying. We will monitor this over the next three months. (WODC MONITOR) |
| 8 | A40 lay-bys | Bins removed. Waste is being thrown into a drainage ditch | WODC advise: There is no evidence that litter bins reduce the level of littering in an area. We |

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| | | (south side) or left in bags by the footpath (north side). | have scheduled a review of street cleansing and will be reviewing scheduling of litter picks by the contractor. (WODC MONITOR) |
| 9 | Talbot pub bus stop | Bin removed. This bin is heavily used especially in summer when people meet at the river | WODC advise: We only place bin by heavily used bus stops in town centres. We will monitor this. (WODC MONITOR) |
| 10 | Bins in village centre next to John Lopes Road | 2 bins reduced to one | Monitor (WODC MONITOR) |
| 11 | A40 Crossings Witney Road and Hanborough Road | Dog bins removed. Little further to walk to new multiuse bins | Monitor (WODC MONITOR) |
| 12 | Village Centre Bus Stop Eastbound | Bin removed? | We only place bin by heavily used bus stops in town centres. There are 4/5 bins in the village centre so we will monitor this. (WODC MONITOR) |

Summary of problems recently raised by residents

| No | Location | Problem | WODC Response |
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| 1 | Newland Street bin (by charity shop) | This is on a popular walking route for the Primary School. Increase frequency of emptying to daily. | We have asked the Street Cleansing Team to monitor this bin. When we visited on three occasions there was capacity in this bin. |
| 2 | Wasties Lane/Acre End Street | This is on a strategic walking route for the chemist, especially as Conduit Lane is still closed. Increase frequency of emptying to daily. | We have asked the Street Cleansing Team to monitor this bin. When we visited on three occasions there was capacity in this bin. |
| 3 | Fishponds car park | This is a heavily used walking route and the bin has been often overflowing. Increase emptying frequency to daily. | As this bin is located on land owned by the Parish Council there would be additional cost to empty the bin on a daily basis (£8.37 per empty). When we visited on three occasions there was capacity in this bin. Our experience is that this bin is being filled by car users emptying their rubbish. We would propose to move the bin 20/30 meters into the park to prevent this in the first instance, please let me know if you would like use to do this in the first instance. |

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| 4 | The Talbot Inn bus stop | A litter bin was removed from this location. This joins with the east walking route. By way of 'local knowledge', teenagers often gather by the lock and walk this way back to the bus stop/home. They create a huge litter problem at the lock and along the route which walkers often pick up and leave at this bin. The Lock Keeper often tells the kids to put their rubbish in the commercial waste bins by his office, but this falls on deaf ears. Reinstall a multiuse bin with a regular bin emptying frequency particularly for summer months | We have visited this location on three occasions and there is no evidence of need (dog waste or litter). If the Parish Council wants us to install a bin in this location WODC could meet the cost of the supply and installation. The Parish Council would need to agree to meet the cost of emptying the bin. |
| 5 | Witney Road/A40 corner | A dog bin was removed from this location. This is another walking route to gain access to the countryside north of the village. Reinstall bin. | We have visited this location on three occasions and there is no evidence of need (dog waste or litter). If the Parish Council wants us to install a bin in this location WODC could meet the cost of the supply and installation. The Parish Council would need to agree to meet the cost of emptying the bin. |
| 6 | Bus stop/Eynsham Barbers, High Street | Reinstall a litter only bin as people are now littering at this location! | We have visited this location on three occasions and there is no evidence of need (dog waste or litter). If the Parish Council wants us to install a bin in this location WODC could meet the cost of the supply and installation. The Parish Council would need to agree to meet the cost of emptying the bin. |
| 7 | Newland Street/Cassington Road/B4447 corner (also see note below) | A dog bin was removed from this location (by the roundabout). This is a walking route to gain access to the countryside to the east and cricket ground. Reinstall a multiuse bin and monitor usage. | We have visited this location and there is no evidence of need (dog waste or litter). If the Parish Council wants us to install a bin in this location WODC could meet the cost of the supply and installation. The Parish Council would need to agree to meet the cost of emptying the bin. |

Notes

Two residents recently emailed photos of dog waste bags dumped in a location on the Cassington Road (near the cricket ground) where a multiuse bin was previously located, but has since been removed. On forwarding those to WODC, they advise the Enforcement Officer will monitor that location and issue fines if necessary.

WODC advise that capacity means there is at least 10% volume available in the bin.

The bins in the village centre are scheduled to be emptied every day, the ones in the "Outer Areas" are scheduled to be done every Monday (i.e. Fishponds, Newland Street). The Cleansing Team also monitor the area as they are going about their routine tasks and if they become aware an overflowing bin (either by observing or being informed), fly tips, litter etc they will deal with it.

Recommendations

Continue to monitor items. When it is made clear what our revised bin emptying costs are, the Council might wish to consider installing a bin at Newland Street/Cassington Road/B4449 junction.

Clerk to check which dog bins EPC is now liable for emptying costs as most of these have now been removed.

Financial implications

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| Budget currently available in 103 4067 (£364.32 Bitterell Road bin emptying & £1641 dog bin emptying) | £ 2,005 |
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Legal implications

None.

Alternatives/Options

We could monitor the bins for a further 3 months to see if issues improve.

The Council could support WODC's initiatives by requesting the dog owners/walkers take their litter home with them as they will otherwise be paying twice for waste services.