



MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notice of Motion to Full Council 25/10/2021

Title of the Motion for inclusion in the agenda:

Officers to gather quotes for the installation of a free bike pump outside the town hall next to the existing water refill station.

What is the purpose of the motion?

A resident had submitted a photo to Councillor Carl Houghton of a free air pump situated in Oxford. This is something other towns in Wiltshire generally do not have and would encourage bike users to access this free service as well as the water refill station, and maybe encourage those who do not cycle to give it a go.

Councillor Carl Houghton would propose the officers look into this as a possible asset for the town (possibly decided through the assets and amenities committee) and the cost this would take.



Please provide details and background of the current situation:

There is currently an air pump in Sainsbury Petrol Station, however through experience working there it is not for bicycle use as there is risk of bursting a tyre. Other than that there is no identified free air pump within the town.

Are there likely to be any financial implications? If so, provide rough estimates:

After a google search these range anywhere between £600 - £1,100 (with added extras) so depending on the quality or type of air pump the town council would like to install, we could install one that is basic for £600;



One that is a bit sturdier for approximately £800;



Or one that has all the added features for approximately £1,100



As can be seen in the images, one approximately £1,100 would also contribute to providing free air for both prams and wheelchairs, with many care homes in Melksham, this feature in the middle of the town would be an asset available and used if people are made aware of it.

Does this issue link with Melksham Town Council policies and core values?

Absolutely, this provides not only a new asset for people of Melksham, but also an inclusive element for those in need, an encouragement for residents to participate in more leisure activities and an eco-friendly aid in the substitution for bicycles over car use.

Are there any obvious risks?

There are no risks to the pump itself as it is a larger hand pump that just accesses air, however someone may walk into it if not placed in the town correctly.

If someone does not use properly there is a chance a resident could over fill their tyre which could cause damage to the bicycle tyre, however cyclists will know this and will be done at their own risk, as with a smaller hand pump.

Could there be any criminal and/or anti-social disorder implications

As with anything in the town, there is risk this could be criminally damaged, but this would not stop its use unless there was damage to the hand pump itself, also will not be able to be stolen as it will be fixed to the ground, as with the water station which I propose the free air pump be next to.

Are there any environmental concerns which should be considered?

Not at all, majority of the pumps are made of metal and will help environmental concerns rather than cause them

Are there any safeguarding concerns to consider?

There are no safeguarding issues to consider.

Does the motion impact/support any previous decisions of council?

Not at all, just adds to the quality of the town market area.

Please summarise any specific recommendations you have in relation to next steps.

I recommend this proposal be bought to the Assets and Amenities committee, to delegate a decided amount of funds on a free air bicycle pump to be situated next to the already existing free water station outside the town hall, to both encourage cyclist and more ecological ways of travel and create a different asset for the town of Melksham and surrounding towns cycling through Melksham, also creating footfall.

**Motion proposed by Councillor:_____Carl
Houghton_____**

Dated:_____09/10/2021_____