

Report No.1  
Report to Council 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013  
Request for Funding – River Walk

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To determine whether to allocate £707 from Section 106 funds to a project to repair and improve the River Walk path between the Town Bridge and Foxley Road.

2. Background

- 2.1 An improvement project has been launched for the River Walk path between Town Bridge and Foxley Road.

2.2 Improvements will include:

- Repairing the gate near the Town Bridge;
- Laying scalping right through to the Millennium Bridge;
- Installing a kissing gate;
- Controlling brambles;
- Installing piping to drain boggy areas; and
- Repairing the stepping stone.

- 2.3 The project volunteers state that an award of £707 from the Town Council would allow them to fund the improvement works.

- 2.4 The project has secured £2,500 from the Civic Trust, £900 in donated materials and have applied for a Pathway Improvement Grant (Wiltshire Council) to match fund the total sum of other donations. If the Town Council were to award £707, Wiltshire Council will match the £4107 total. A VAT reclaim of £1462 will mean that the project will meet its projected spend of £9,676.

- 2.5 The Leisure & Youth Committee considered the application, after the request was raised as a public question, at their meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013. The Committee endorsed the project, but noted that a formal decision was necessary.

- 2.6 The proposed works are outside the Town boundaries. However, following research carried out by the Town Clerk, the Council is able to fund such a scheme under the 1974 Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions), which allows local authorities to provide recreational facilities outside their boundaries.

- 2.7 Following discussion with Wiltshire Council, Section 106 money would be released for such a scheme.

3. Financial Implications and risks

- 3.1 An expenditure of £707 from S106 funds.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 To endorse the improvement project and to request that £707 be released from Section 106 funds..

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23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013.