



# Berwick upon Tweed Town Council

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Council

27 September 2021

Appendix E

**Report of** Assistant to the Clerk

**Grit Bins**

**Access** Public

## **Background**

1. Council previously discussed the placement of a grit bin at Robert's Lodge in Tweedmouth.
2. After discussion, it was agreed that the grit bin would be funded through Northumberland County Council's (NCC's) Members Small Grant Scheme, please see below minute.

### **C483/19      19. GRIT BIN**

Cllr L Stephenson introduced the item after which Cllr G Roughead agreed to fund the placement of a grit bin at Robert's Lodge via the Northumberland County Council (NCC) Members Small Grant Scheme. Council then **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to liaise with NCC regarding the responsibility of on-going maintenance and report back to a future meeting of the Local Services Committee.

## **Issues**

3. It has come to light, that the purchase of grit bins cannot be funded through NCC's Members Small Grant Scheme.
4. Also, the request has now extended to the placement of 2 grit bins at Robert's Lodge.
5. To purchase a grit bin, a one-off fee of £250 is charged by NCC, which includes the bin being filled on delivery and two additional refills in the first year.
6. The cost of ongoing maintenance and refilling will then fall on Berwick Town Council.
7. Funding to pay for the 2 grit bins, i.e. £500, would have to be transferred from reserves and be included in the budget.
8. Furthermore, money would need to be set aside in the budget each year, beyond the initial agreement, to pay for ongoing maintenance and refilling.

## **Recommendations**

1. To provide guidance to officers as to whether 2 grit bins should be purchased for Robert's Lodge in Tweedmouth, and
2. That money be transferred from reserves, if required, as described in paragraphs 7 and 8 of this report.

Author	SC	Town Clerk sign off (if required)	
Checked by		Finance Officer sign off (if required)	N/A