

## **Burton Bradstock Parish Council**

### **Report to the Parish Council at its meeting on 1 February 2017**

#### **Item 8f: Oak Posts at Cliff Road**

I have contacted the National Trust concerning the need for a further 5 posts to complete the Cliff Road parking restraints. They have declined to provide the additional posts, stating that they have provided enough for the entrance to their field and they did not agree to provide the posts needed for the turning circle.

The timber was purchased from John Bright Fencing as 6 foot lengths of 4"x4" oak, which were cut into two posts each. 3 lengths would be sufficient to complete the field entrance installation and provide one extra to replace a circular cross section post at the turning circle. The current price of the lengths is approx. £22.90p each plus VAT, and there is a £12 delivery charge.

I have not been able to find an alternative local supplier for the same oak lengths. However, for example, Travis Perkins have 4.8 metre lengths of Tanalised 100mm square sawn softwood at £61.58p plus VAT including delivery, which would provide 5 posts. Bradfords has a similar but planed product for £70.65p plus VAT and £15 delivery.

Tanalised softwood is not likely to last as long as oak without maintenance, and would appear differently from the other oak posts. The additional cost of the purchasing oak is some £19 over the Travis Perkins product and would be sufficient for the additional post at the turning circle.

Accordingly my recommendation to the Parish Council is, as an exception to Standing Orders, to purchase 3 lengths of 6 foot 4"x4" oak posts from John Bright Fencing with delivery to enable the completion of the Cliff Road project by the Volunteers.

Councillor Graham Moody

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27 January 2017