

# MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

(Parishes of Milton Abbot, Chillaton, Dunterton and Bradstone)

## Chillaton Noticeboard

The Council owned noticeboard, sited on the wall of the Chichester Arms public house in Chillaton, is in very poor condition. A recent inspection of the noticeboard by a contractor, with the intention of providing a quotation for refurbishment, advised that it is beyond practicable repair and should be replaced. The contractor provided a quotation for the construction of a 'like for like' replacement at a cost of £627.00.

In order to ascertain best value I have undertaken research regarding the purchase of new noticeboards, the size being comparable with the existing noticeboard, details of which are below:

Company	Size	Detail	Cost (+VAT)
Graphic Pavement Signs Ltd <sup>i</sup>	A1 6 sheets of A4 2'2" x 3' Single Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood effect aluminium frame</li> <li>• Lockable</li> <li>• Plastic backing sheet for blutak or drawing pins</li> <li>• Weather resistant</li> <li>• Top hinged</li> <li>• Spare parts not available</li> <li>• Guarantee Period: 2 years</li> </ul>	£ 119.00 <u>£ 9.95*</u> £ 128.95
Graphic Pavement Signs Ltd	8 sheets of A4 2'5" x 3'1" Single Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premium silver aluminium frame</li> <li>• Lockable</li> <li>• Plastic backing sheet for blutak or drawing pins</li> <li>• Weather resistant</li> <li>• Side hinged</li> <li>• Spare parts not available</li> <li>• Guarantee Period: 2 years</li> </ul>	£ 245.00 <u>£ 9.95*</u> £ 254.95
Notice Me <sup>ii</sup>	8 sheets of A4 2'5" x 3'2" Single Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defender aluminium frame</li> <li>• Lockable</li> <li>• Felt pin board</li> <li>• Certified against dust and moisture entry</li> <li>• Spare parts are available</li> <li>• Guarantee Period: 2 years</li> <li>• Choice pin board colours</li> <li>• Free delivery</li> </ul>	£ 219.95 <u>£ 0.00*</u> £ 219.95
Greenbarnes <sup>iii</sup>	A1 6 sheets of A4 2'2" x 3' Single Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recycled Plastic</li> <li>• Lockable</li> <li>• Self-healing rubber pin board</li> <li>• Weather seals</li> <li>• Side hinged</li> <li>• Spare parts available</li> <li>• Guarantee Period: 5 years</li> </ul>	£ 556.39 <u>£ 35.32*</u> £ 591.71
Greenbarnes	A1 6 sheets of A4 2'2" x 3' Double Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recycled Plastic</li> <li>• Lockable</li> <li>• Self-healing rubber pin board</li> <li>• Weather seals</li> <li>• Side hinged</li> <li>• Spare parts available</li> <li>• Guarantee Period: 5 years</li> </ul>	£1087.65 <u>£ 87.33*</u> £1174.98

\* Delivery charge

The costs above are for the purchase and delivery of the noticeboards only and do not include installation, which is included on the reconstruction quotation.

Noticeboards vary considerably in price, quality and robustness;

- The cheaper products from Graphic Pavements Signs, whilst being rust free aluminium framed, are not weatherproof, have a two year guarantee period and spare parts cannot be purchased for them.
- The middle of the range seems to be those from Notice Me, they are rust free aluminium framed, are certified against dust and moisture entry, have a two year guarantee period and spare parts can be purchased for the noticeboard.
- The more expensive products from Greenbarnes are more robust, manufactured from recycled plastic, are fitted with weatherproofing seals, spare parts are available and they have a guarantee period of five years, but are likely to last for much longer.
- The cost of the construction of a 'like for like' noticeboard by a local contractor at £627 exceeds that of the purchase of a noticeboard, although it does include installation, and would need regular maintenance to prolong its lifespan.

The owner of the Chichester Arms has confirmed to Cllr Beighton that he has no objection to the replacement of the noticeboard, which is sited on the front of the building, providing he is given the opportunity to paint behind it before any replacement is installed.

Taking into consideration the above points, and best value over a number of years, it is **recommended that the Council considers:**

- i) the purchase of a new noticeboard from:
  - a) Notice Me at a cost of £219.95, or
  - b) Greenbarnes at a cost of £591.71
- ii) seeking quotations for the installation of the noticeboard
- iii) the submission of a bid to the Locality Budget for grant funding to cover the cost of purchase and fitting

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<sup>i</sup> [Graphic Pavement Signs Ltd](#)

<sup>ii</sup> [Notice Me](#)

<sup>iii</sup> [Greenbarnes](#)