

## Van Replacement

### Background

The van, a VW Caddy, is a '58' plate, so first registered in the latter half of 2008, was purchased second hand some 7 or 8 years ago. Its mileage is just short of 160,000 miles. It is used by the grounds staff to undertake their duties around the parish. It has been a reliable vehicle. However, repairs to the van are becoming more frequent with maintenance cost increasing and whilst the van passed its MOT, consideration should be made to purchasing a newer vehicle.

### Going Forward

Rather than replace like-for-like, Council is asked to bear in mind the following factors:

- The Ifor Williams trailer has intentionally not been replaced as the grounds staff would prefer to transport grounds maintenance equipment in a larger van
- A larger van would provide additional room to transport staff
- Look to replace the van with an electric or hybrid model

### Recommendation

The Parish Council is asked to consider the following recommendations:

- a) To allocate a budget of up to £35,000 to purchase a new(er), larger electric van
- b) To sell or trade-in the VW Caddy
- c) To agree to apply for any appropriate grants which will be used to off-set the allocated budget
- d) To delegate to the Clerk and her staff the purchase of their preferred vehicle for the job