

Clerk to Ringshall Parish Council

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Date: Wednesday 6th December 2023

Dear Clerk

Annual price increase for litter and dog bin emptying services.

The current annual costs for emptying litter and dog bins is £39.73 per litter bin (76p per bin per week) and £46.53 per dog bin (89p per bin per week). Historically dog bins were charged at a higher rate due to the weight collected and time taken at each location.

As litter and dog waste are treated the same (staff allocation, collection, vehicle and disposal costs) we have proposed that we simplify our charges; introducing one cost for emptying either bin. Subject to approval by Cabinet, the proposed cost for emptying each bin will be **£69.00** per annum across both councils with effect from 1st April 2024. At this rate, the service is still significantly subsidised by the Council as, if we were to pass on the full costs associated with bin emptying, the charge would be **£175** per bin per annum.

Please see the following breakdown for Ringshall Parish Council:

Current Subscriptions to 31st March 2024:

Dog bins collected weekly per year = 3 x £46.53 = £139.59

Litter bins collected weekly per year = 4 x £39.73 = £158.92

Full invoiced value to Ringshall Parish Council for 2023/24 = £298.51

3 and 4 bins for 2024/25 would be £483

The cost to Babergh & Mid Suffolk for the direct service is £1225

We would be happy to support you in reviewing bin provision/number of bins you have in your Town or Parish if you feel there may be potential to rationalise the number of bins from which we collect. Please don't hesitate to get in contact with us to discuss this further.

Yours Sincerely

Jade Grand-Scrutton
Administrator & Technical Support Officer – Public Realm