

Item 12 Parish Plan Update

Litter/dog Fouling Concerns

Actions agreed in the parish plan include the installation of additional dog/waste bins.

Further consultation on where these should be located was undertaken at “Pride in Our Village Day” and with the Village Partnership. The only preference expressed was to locate next to bus stops.

DCC have advised that the cost of installing a general waste bin would be £259.30 plus VAT. This price includes on going maintenance/collection by DCC.

DCC have confirmed support for the locations of bins next to bus shelters as these are natural places where people congregate.

Parish Council is therefore asked to approve the purchase 6 waste bins to be installed next to each active bus shelter in the village (can be used for general or dog waste) from DCC.

Total Cost £1555.80 plus £311.16 VAT.

This can be funded from the £3,000 parish plan action provision in this year's budget.

Removal of Large Boulders where not considered necessary

It was reported in previous updates on the Parish Plan that discussions had been held with DCC, the Green Group and myself about the action in the parish plan regarding consideration of potential options to reduce the extent of herbicide spraying around “obstructions” on grassed areas. This action had been allocated to the Green Group to lead on.

Extensive spraying has been undertaken by DCC as they do not have the resources to trim around such obstructions. Spraying has led to unsightly scorched/bald patches around obstacles such as the large boulders located at various places around the village.

During discussions, the need for the large boulders in some locations, especially those around the “Rec” and the adjacent businesses, was questioned by residents, the green group and DCC's Area Supervisor, Neighbourhood Services. There was a general consensus that the location of these boulders on the main road through the centre of the village portrayed a bad image of the community and served no useful purpose.

DCC advised that these blocks could be removed at no cost to the parish council.

It was agreed that a survey of all stone blocks around the village would be undertaken to determine, in consultation with interested parties, other boulders that could be potentially be removed.

The Parish Council was advised of these proposals in further updates on Parish Plan Actions/Projects.

The full survey of all large boulders has yet to be undertaken. However, given the support expressed for the proposed removal of boulders in the areas outlined above and an opportune time to progress this, DCC have now begun the removal of boulders from outside Cost Cutter and the Big Chef. DCC will plant with grass seed and add spring bulbs next autumn.

DCC have advised that they then intend to remove the boulders from the "REC", thin some of the trees and plant some small hedging along the front edge of the Rec where the boulders were. This will greatly improve the visual impact of this area and will help deliver another action in the Parish Plan, allocated to the Parish Council to lead on, regarding improving the village green area known as the "REC".

DCC officers wish to ensure that the Parish Council is supportive of these actions and work in partnership with us to deliver the agreed parish plan actions.

The Parish Council is therefore asked to approve the removal of the large stone boulders on the " Rec" and adjacent business properties.

Cllr Wallage
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