

Item 8 - Parish Planting Plan

Further to previous discussions regarding the development of the above plan, details of a proposed **draft** planting plan is outlined below for members' consideration.

Potential external funding sources for the estimated capital investment required to deliver the plan is identified plus an estimate of the impact on annual revenue maintenance costs which will need to be funded by Parish Council on an annual basis.

Parish council is asked to:

- 1 Consider** the draft plan and determine proposed priorities for first available funding opportunity to the Hargreaves CFC. (Closing date for next round of applications 9th August 2019.)
- 2 Note** proposed further consultation on the draft plan as follows:
 1. Consult with DCC (Martin Briscoe) on draft proposals, incorporating any amendments required by the Parish Council
 2. Consult with the VP on draft proposal incorporating any amendment required as a result of consultation with DCC.

The final proposed draft plan, following consultation, will then be brought back to Parish Council for approval at the July meeting so that the grant submission, reflecting priorities, can be submitted to Hargreaves within the required timescales.

NB

In considering the proposed draft plan the Parish Council is not be asking asked to consider making any commitment of any Parish Council funding towards the capital investment required at this stage.

However, if a grant application is to be submitted where revenue maintenance costs will be incurred as a result, the PC will be committing to fund the associated annual maintenance costs, should the application be successful and any award accepted.

For example, a grant application for new planters, as proposed in the plan, will require an *estimated* annual maintenance budget of £1360 compared to the current annual cost of existing planters of £1220.

Cllr Wallage/Cllr Haddick

June 2019

Draft Planting Plan

1. Existing Planter Provision

8 Large Black Square Planters

Cost for summer and winter bedding and bulb planting £560 i.e £70 each – already approved by PC for 2019

| Current Location | Proposed Action |
|--|---|
| 2 Entrance to cemetery | Ask DCC to straighten up |
| 1 Benridge bank | Ask DCC to Relocate to the corner at the top of station road |
| 1 Opposite school | Ask DCC to straighten up |
| 1 Corner opposite Lea Rigg | Ask DCC to relocate to Green Area next to Big Chef where boulders removed |
| 1 Bottom of Station Road Next to Stone Bench | Ask DCC to relocate on the corner opposite the school (See proposal below for new planters in this area) |
| 1 Next to seat on Old Sunderland Road | Relocate to green area next to Cost Cutter |
| 1 Next to seat on Station Road | Relocate on the corner area opposite the school |

Martin Briscoe has indicated this would be done free of charge – need to confirm

Barrel Planters – 15 in total. Cost of planting with summer and winter bedding £660 (average £44) agreed for 2019

| *Current Location |
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| 2 Station Road Leamside – Wooden |
| 2 opposite the school – 1 wooden/1 plastic |
| 1 outside the Spar – wooden |
| 2 Jubilee Hall – wooden |
| 1 Opposite the HG – plastic replacement |
| 1 Hairs and graces – plastic replacement |
| 1 outside Julies Deli – wooden |
| 1 outside Seashells – wooden |
| 1 outside 38 South Street _ wooden |
| 1 Outside Mara South Street – Wooden |
| 1 Outside entrance to Lea Rigg – wooden |
| 1 Opposite Toll Gate |

Propose

All removed in Spring 2020

Wooden Tubs to be scrapped

Existing Smaller Plastic Tubs to be relocated to War Memorial

(Estimated Annual Costs of Summer & Winter Planting £90)

2. Proposed New Planters & Suggested Locations

| Location | Type | Cost per item per (excluding VAT) | Total Costs | Estimated Cost of Summer/Winter Planting/Compost |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Entrance to Village from A690 (Lambton View exit) | 2 X Marmax Recycled Hexagonal Plants 1200 Diameter X 600 High Brown | £279.20 | £558.40 | £160 |
| Woodland View/Station road | 2 X Hexagonal Planters as above | £279.20 | £558.40 | £160 |
| Leamside Corner | 2 Hexagonal Planters as above | £279.20 | £558.40 | £160 |
| Leamside Sign Pithouse Lane | 1 Bistro Marmax Brown Planter 1000 x 800 x 400 Brown | £279.20 | £279.20 | £50 |
| Jubilee Hall (pavement along front of building) | 2 Bistro Planters as above | £279.20 | £558.40 | £100 |
| Doctors Surgery | 2 X 600 X 600 Square Brown Planters | £183.20 | £366.40 | £80 |
| Delivery | | | 225.00 | |
| TOTAL | | * | 3104.20 | £710 |

Prices are as per Marmaxproducts.Co.UK quotation dated 4 June . PC discount 20% applied from website prices.

3. More Flowering Trees

| Suggest Location | Type | Supplier | Cost |
|---|--------------|----------|---------------|
| Corner Opposite Lea Rigg | 2 X Cherry | DCC | |
| Village Green Opposite Jubilee Hall | 1 X Cherry | | |
| Either side of junction of Cocken Road | 2 X 3 Cherry | | |
| Entrance to Village from A690 Benridge Bank (Either side of exit | 2 X Cherry | | |
| Benridge Bank | 1 X Cherry | | |
| TOTAL | 12 | | *£2208 |

**** As per quote from Martin Briscoe dated 16/5/19 Need to confirm with Martin if price is exclusive/inclusive of VAT***

4. More Bulb Planting – Community planting (with free support of DCC via Civic Pride Team)

| Suggested Location | Type | *Estimates Cost of Supply of Bulbs only |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Benridge Bank | Mini Daffs/crocuses | £300 |
| Outside big chef and spar where boulders removed | Mini Daffs/crocuses | £300 |
| Green Outside Jubilee Hall | Mini Daffs/crocuses | £100 |
| Middle Junction off A690 | Min Daffs/crocuses | £300 |
| Village Green Areas South Street/North Street | Mini Daffs/crocuses | £600 |
| Green Area Next to Rose Cottage/Near Doctors Surgery | Min Daffs/crocuses | £300 |
| Leamside | Min Daffs/crocuses | £600 |
| | | |
| | | £2,500 |

Estimated costs of supply of 30,000 bulbs based on prices in 2017 when PC bought on line for the "Rec". Current prices not available from this supplier due to time of year.

Need to follow up request to Martin Briscoe for DCC's supply only costs

5 Hanging Baskets

| Hanging Plastics | | Annual Cost |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Outside the Jubilee Hall | Annual Purchase 4 large filled hanging baskets summer bedding - | £100 |

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| | suggested supplier shincliffe mill nursery | |
| Doctors Surgery | Annual Purchase of 2 large filled Hanging Baskets – suggested Shincliffe Mill Nursery | £50 |

6. Removal of boulders and replaced with wooden fencing or more metal barriers

a) Around the Rec.

Martin Briscoe plans to remove and replace with hedging put on hold following some concerns raised about removal last year. In response to concerns raised he initially advised at the time he would look to plant up with hedging behind the boulders first and when this established then remove them. He quoted a timescale of 18 months. This was to be done at no cost to the Parish Council.

Need to confirm with Martin Briscoe if this is still the intention.

However, fencing and hedging (or green metal bars and hedging) would be more robust but this is obviously much more costly and it is expected the PC would have to pay for this.

b) Along Old Sunderland Road - Cost of fencing, planting of hedge and removal of boulder by DCC £11450.

Need to confirm with Martin exactly what this covers. Is it for fencing along the entire length i.e will boulders and metal barriers be removed? Who will be responsible for maintaining - DCC or PC?

Need to seek an additional quote for more metal barriers instead of fencing.

Also need to confirm if prices include VAT or not

7. Strimming

PC to arrange to strim around “obstacles” on village green areas along South Street/North street periodically. DCC to be requested to stop spraying these areas.

Estimated annual cost to PC £125.

8. Summary of Financial Implications

Summary of Capital Funding Required

| Item | Cost (excluding vat) |
|--|-----------------------|
| 11 New Marmax Planters | £3104. |
| 12 Flowering Trees (supply and plant) | *£2208 |
| 30,000 Bulbs (Supply only) | *£2500 |
| Fencing/Metal Barriers – Old | *£11,450/* |

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| Sunderland Road | |
| Total | £19,262 |

* **Costs to be confirmed**

Potential Funding Sources

Hargreave CFC

S106 Monies (Ramside Open Space)

AAP Grant

DCC Ward Members Neighbourhood Budget

RHS Annual Grant Award (Max £500)

Funding Annual Maintenance Costs of above proposal for PC

| Item | Cost £ |
|--|---------------|
| Existing Black Planters | 560 |
| Existing Plastic Barrel Tubs | 90 |
| New Proposed Marmax Planters | 710 |
| Hanging Baskets | 150 |
| Strimming Of Village Green | 125 |
| Fencing | ??? |
| Total PC Annual Maintenance Costs | £1635 |

Current cost of planting existing planters £1220