

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019

ITEM NO: 9 – Parish Benches - Notes to Accompany Plan

Proposed Plan for Works to / Replacement of Benches

Information

The work programme is, at this stage, proposed as there may still be delays in certain aspects of the programme including:

- Checks with highways regarding relocation of benches
- Checks with commemorative bench sponsors on replacement / removal / etc.
- Finalisation of design options and checks with NFNPA

Survey

The work programme is determined by the categorisation reported in the previous update, as follows:

Category A – good condition – no work needed / minor intervention such as cleaning required;

Category B – poor condition in some respects and requires some repairs / major maintenance / cleaning and treatment to bring up to standard;

Category C – very poor condition requires major intervention / replacement and potentially or actually a health and safety risk.

Subject to a final check, there are:

- 5 benches in Grade C (inc. 1 x Parish Hall field bench – see below)
- 3 benches in Grade B/C
- 2 benches in Grade A
- 1 benches with no Grade as already removed ready for replacement (Parish Hall Field). *These benches are already proposed for relocation to the upper sideline of the football area and not where they were originally installed. This has already been discussed with the PHC.*

The work programme proposes that in the first phase, 4 benches are the Parish Hall benches, Pollards Moor / Romsey Road crossroads bench and White Hart bench. A second phase (subject to in-year budget) would include Cadnam (Conservative Office) bench and Splitwind Pond bench.

The balance of benches works may have to be carried over into the next financial year. A final position on this can be reached once costings are all identified and a budget requirement prepared relating to the current year.

Recommendation

The programme is noted and the relevant actions to be undertaken to finalise the programme are also noted.

The final costs and programme with all investigations complete will be presented to the November meeting of the Parish Council, for information. *(Included in this will be a decision as to whether the Parish Council itself undertakes the works or a suitable contractor is found to undertake the works on behalf of the Parish Council.)*

Simon Lucas

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