

Copythorne Parish Council Meeting – October 12th 2021

Item No 12 – Possible Parish Council response to Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

I was tasked at last month’s Council meeting to produce an initial paper on the Parish Council’s possible response to marking the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Accordingly, please see below my initial thoughts on how the Parish Council might do this.

There have already been several suggestions on how the Council might leave a lasting memorial to the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

1. Plant a Cadnam Oak Tree as a replacement to the existing dead oak tree on Bartley Green
2. Plant a Cadnam Oak Tree at the Parish Hall
3. Plant an Orchard of Trees somewhere in the Parish
4. Have a quality metal seat made and site it in the grounds of the Parish Hall
5. Have a quality metal seat made and site it on suitable spot somewhere in the Parish
6. Have a wheelchair accessible picnic bench (or benches) made out of recycled plastic and site it/them next to the Children’s Playground at the Parish Hall.

Apart from 1 above all the suggestions received so far could have a plaque attached to them showing that the tree, seat, picnic bench was from the Parish Council and dedicated to the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

With regard to possible costs:

1. A Sapling 6 foot Oak tree would cost about £60 plus the costs of looking after it during its first couple of years of life
2. A quality metal seat would cost about £600 plus the cost of providing a suitable plinth and installation
3. A wheelchair accessible picnic bench would cost about £ 550 (so for two £1100)

My initial recommendations are that:

1. The Council agree that a working party of say 3 or 4 councillors is tasked with considering in more detail the suggestions above and indeed any further suggestions received for marking the Queens Platinum Jubilee and reporting back to Council via the “Five Year Advisory Committee” before Christmas 2021
2. A line is inserted into next year Council budget/precept to fund the purchase and upkeep of the eventual winning suggestion(s) to the value of £1500

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September 21st 2021