

Copythorne Parish Council Meeting – December 14th 2021

Item No 11 – To discuss possible ideas for a Permanent Platinum Jubilee Memorial from the Parish Council

Brief

Cllrs. Lady Kara Hawks, Graham Chillcott and John Goodwin were tasked by the Parish Council to come up with some initial ideas for a permanent Copthorne Parish Council memorial to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee. To then present their ideas to the Council at it's meeting on December 14th 2021.

Discussion

The three councillors met informally on the morning of November 23rd 2021 to discuss ideas and they came up with the following suggestions:

1. A Memorial Bench/Benches
2. A Memorial Picnic Table/Tables (with disabled access)
3. A Memorial Tree
4. A Memorial Garden
5. A Memorial Statue

After some further discussion, it was agreed that their preferred idea was for a memorial statue. To also suggest a possible site could be the site previously occupied by the bench on the corner of Romsey Road and Pollards Moor Road (by the bus shelter).

Obviously if the idea of a statue were to be subsequently taken forward a competition would need to be held to come up with a suitable design and the cost of manufacture.

It should be noted that this was just a brainstorming session and it's to be hoped that further ideas for a Platinum Jubilee Memorial will come from the PC and indeed from the Community at large.

Recommendations

The full PC is asked to note the deliberations of this informal working group and to consider the idea of a memorial statue.

To ensure that as many ideas as possible are considered, that the PC ask the Community at large to come forward with suggestions for a memorial.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott
November 23rd 2021