



KEWSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

“Here to protect the Rural Character and Environment of the Village and to promote Kewstoke as a pleasant place to live”

Memorial Plaque /Seat Policy

Ref KPC008

General

Most Sea Front and Village seats have been purchased by members of the public with a view to adding a Memorial Plaque.

The Parish Council also provides facilities within the “Shelter” on the Sea Front where Memorial Plaques can be mounted on the inside walls.

The Parish Councils policy is to provide basic maintenance to these seats throughout their life cycle ensuring that they are in a safe condition and aesthetically pleasing.

A regular review is to be undertaken and recorded to ensure the safe condition of the Seats

A number have been bequeathed to the Parish Council and may or may not contain a Memorial Plaque, these are subject to the same maintenance Policy.

New Applications for memorial seats/plaques

It is the Councils Policy not to engage in providing any additional seating as it is felt there are currently sufficient seats with in the Village and on the Sea front.

In the first instance it would be to encourage and offer to mount a plaque in the Sea Front Shelter.

Plaques mounted both on Memorial Benches and in the Shelter are to be of a similar size approx, 2” by 6”, with standard size wording only, and be of metal construction. The Parish Council, in most cases would, purchase the plaque to ensure conformity and recharge the applicant. If plaques are already available and conform to the agreed standards these would be also accepted.

It may be possible to offer, if available, an opportunity to add a plaque (maximum 2 plaques per seat) to one of the bequeathed seats (£150, 10 year maintenance payment plus cost of plaque), if either the seat currently didn't contain a plaque or the original plaque was so old that the original provider or family could not be located, in which case the original plaque could be transferred to the shelter.

Replacement Seats

It would also be possible to offer to replace one of the existing seats and to include a Memorial Plaque if required.

The Parish Council is to establish if the Seat/Bench requires replacing.

It would be encouraged that any replacement seats are constructed of recycled and or sustainable material with little or no maintenance costs associated.

Any other requests for plaques or memorials whilst being discouraged could be discussed and possibly agreed by the Parish Council.

To ensure conformity the Parish Council is to agree on the seat specification prior to installation.

Criteria

For Plaques located in the shelter, on Memorial Benches or in respect of replacement seats, priority will be given to applicants who have lived in the village or have had an involvement within the village or community.

The Parish Council will decide on other applications.

The memorial benches are to be kept as memorials and not to be covered in adornments creating a form of shrine. If objects are discovered on the benches they are to be removed.

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