Agenda Item 14 - Dedication to the 2023 Coronation of King Charles III

Councillor James has put forward a proposal that the Parish Council mark the Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023, and suggested two options for consideration, as set out below:

Option 1 - Bench Plaque

The fixing of a plaque to the existing bench at Orchard Way Play and Recreation Area in Brass, Aluminium or Stainless Steel with the wording – "Dedicated to the 2023 Coronation of King Charles III" with the King's Crown.

Plaque prices obtained on the internet: price of a plaque varies from £50 for an aluminium memorial plaque of 125 x 50mm to £80 for a stainless steel memorial plaque of 200 x 50mm, with free delivery.

Cost to fit – approx. £30 plus fittings (£10 allowed for).

Overall cost – approx. £90 to £120

Funding available to cover cost within the existing benches/bins budget.

Option 2 - Planting English Oak

A young English Oak tree to be planted in either Orchard Way Play and Recreation Area or the Jubilee Field with a small plaque affixed with the wording "Dedicated to the 2023 Coronation of King Charles III".

Cost of an English Oak – around £70 for a bare root tree of 200-250cm (6.5-8.2ft) or if potted 175-200cm (5.7 – 6.5ft), as per internet pricing.

Cost of Stakes & Ties – approx. £12

Cost of tree protector (if required) - £25. This should be considered given the location to mitigate damage from users of the field.

Small plaque – approximate cost £30 - £50

Cost of planting – approx. £60

Overall cost – approx. £172 to £205

Cost to be funded from the Orchard Way or Jubilee Field Reserve as appropriate.

Proposal by Councillor James September 2025