

Agenda Item 11 – Commemorative Bench North Jaycroft, King Charles III Coronation

At the September meeting, minute 1109/14, it was proposed that a new bench commemorating the Coronation of King Charles the II be purchased and installed in North Jaycroft near the allotments. The Clerk is liaising with Cllr Jones as to the exact location.

The land is owned by Mid Devon District Council and if the Parish Council wishes to go ahead with the installation their permission will have to be sought.

The Clerk has costed out the bench and installation costs as follows. All prices exclude VAT as the Parish Council reclaims this:

1. Recycled plastic bench – same style as the newer ones in the cemetery - £387
2. The addition of a plaque – depends on type, the cheapest being brass, which is £53 and the most expensive cast bronze at £150. A stainless steel plaque is £63.
3. Alternatively, the top bench rail can be engraved at a cost of £35.
4. Ground fixings for concrete are a further £28 as two sets are needed to fix all four corners.
5. There is also a delivery charge of around £40.
6. The Handyman will need to lay a concrete base and leave this to dry before installing. The cost for the concrete, other materials and labour is estimated at £490.

Overall the cost of the bench and installation will be circa £1,040 plus VAT where applicable, depending on options chosen.

Please note that the Clerk did look to see if there were discounted King Charles III coronation benches available at a lesser cost but was unable to find anything suitable.

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