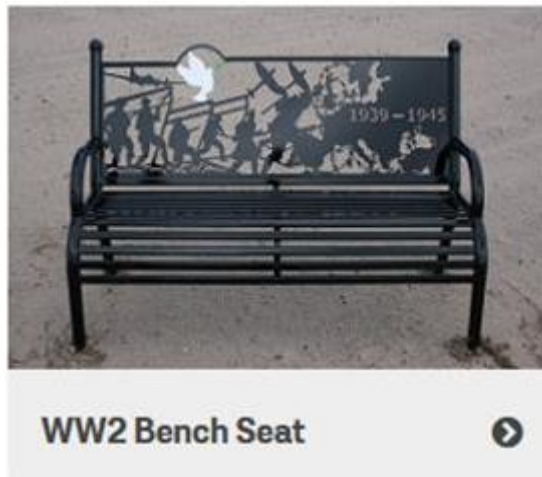


Commemorative Street Furniture

At its May meeting, the Parish Council considered two suggestions for commemorative street furniture which it asked the Clerk to refer to the Estates Committee for consideration.

This was further considered by the Estates Committee at its August meeting, when it asked the clerk to consult on all the bench options identified with the History Society and report back to the next meeting with their preferred option and final costings

(Min.WPC.EC.20.08.09.3 refers). The preferred option of the History Society is the David Ogilvie WW2 Bench (see below).



At a cost of

Bench	£896.00 plus VAT	
Delivery	£150.00 plus VAT	
Bolt Down Kit	£ 12.00 plus VAT	(Total £1058.00 plus VAT)
Installation	£320.00 plus VAT	(by local contractor)
Total Cost	£1378.00 plus VAT	

The Council's financial regulations require that when entering into contracts for the supply of goods, materials or specialist services (other than those excepted under 11.1.a), the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates where the value is below £3,000. There was only one other comparable style of commemorative bench in this instance, from North East Fabrications (**WPC.EC.20.08.05**).

There is currently £2256.00 in earmarked reserves for the cemetery and churchyard. A further £580 plus VAT is committed against the budget, leaving a balance in earmarked reserves of £1676.00. The Parish Council has powers under LGA 1972 s241(2) to provide and maintain cemeteries in or outside the council's area.

Recommendation

The committee authorise the purchase of a WW2 Memorial Bench Seat as specified above at a cost of £1058 plus VAT, plus installation at a cost of £320 plus VAT to commemorate VE75.

Councillors are also asked to consider if they would wish to have an opening ceremony for the bench and invite a member from the Wickhambrook History Society.

The Parish Council and the committee have also considered a second proposal fabricate a large-scale willow heart, to be displayed in the village as a commemoration of the Coronavirus Pandemic this year, and Wickhambrook's response to it.



The proposal is to fabricate a metal replica and have it galvanised and painted, and fixed to the post supporting the village sign, to identify 2020 as being a unique. The parish council has powers under s72 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to provide or contribute to the cost of traffic signs indicating...the name of the parish or community. Wickhambrook already has such a sign in place, and I have not been able to find any prohibition on adding to that sign.

The parish council could be asked to fund this from general reserves.

A more detailed specification for the fabrication has now been received (attached as Appendix A) and quotes have been sought, to be reported back to the next meeting.

Willow Heart for Wickhambrook Parish Sign. 16/09/20 version 1



Dimensions;

Width approx 450mm
Height approx 450mm

Leaves- not necessary, structure to be mild steel/ wrought iron, of varying sizes to reflect a willow structure.

To have a small bracket at the rear to allow fixing to timber structure.

Finish to be hot dipped galvanised followed by etch primer and then dark brown paint.