

Replacement of Marker Posts – Coltsfoot Green

The Estates Committee is responsible for the grounds maintenance of greens and open spaces, including Coltsfoot Green.

Local residents have reported that a number of the marker posts (approximately 10) bounding Coltsfoot Green have become loose.



The options for the committee to consider are:

1. Replace damaged posts like for like with no change to spacing
2. Replace all posts using the existing spacing, but making provision for reflective bands or solar caps on some or all posts (to reduce risk of trip hazards at night)
3. Replace all posts, using a different (wider spacing) to reduce risk of damage as a result of grounds maintenance equipment – this would be likely to be more expensive as existing holes would need to be filled.

There is some budget available within the current financial year for Greens (£500), probably sufficient for option one, but a full replacement would be likely to need to be budgeted for in the next financial year.

There are two relevant powers for the parish council:

- Parish councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301 - Power to light roads and public places in the council's area.
- Public Health Act 1875, s.164 - Power to provide and manage recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces.

Action: The committee is asked to consider which approach they would like costed

(Nb. the cost of six square posts with Solar Caps at Six Acres was budgeted at £375 plus VAT in the previous financial year (for supplies, work undertaken as part of a parish day @£475 plus VAT. Recycled plastic posts @£26.82 are more expensive than would, but would not develop splits or shakes, nor rot or require additional preservative. Octagon Creosote posts @ £5.63 plus VAT have a guarantee for 25 years, but typically last 30 – 40 years).

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