

Email from Cllr Tony Clarke 2 Sep 2022

Dear John,

I am writing to support the proposed siting of a bench seat on the small area of grass adjacent to the car park in Hartmeade.

I have been approached by local residents who have also asked Keith Goldsmith for any help that he can offer. I understand that Keith has written to the council and that a reply has been sent. I would ask that this item be tabled on the agenda of our next meeting, 15 September.

I would propose that we, the parish council, endorse the plan and consider providing adequate funding for this project.

The route is very popular and well used by many residents from this side of the village to and from the church, the shop and the pub. Many of the residents are of a certain age and would be very glad of the opportunity to use the bench for a rest, especially if they are carrying shopping and have just climbed the steep slope up from East Road. I believe that the bench would be a great asset to the community, benefitting many of our residents.

I am happy to canvas further support from local residents if necessary. Some of these lovely people have indicated their willingness to clear the area and maintain it, including planting flowers and cutting the grass, etc.

We as a parish council should welcome and support such examples of community spirit.

Kind regards,

Tony Clarke.

Notes

Menheniot Neighbourhood Plan

Made in April 2022, the MNP supports proposals to improve the public realm.

PROJECT 1. PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

A programme of public realm improvements will be supported. These should include, for example, new planting, improved surfaces, kerbing and pavements, signage and road calming, seating and outdoor space to create a focus for the community activities, improved accessibility and parking for people with disabilities, mobility scooters and wheelchair users, and optimisation of on-street parking arrangements. The programme should be designed to enhance the distinctive historic character of the historic core of the settlements concerned and the settings of heritage assets located within them. These improvements will focus on the Menheniot Churchtown/Mine Hill area, Church Rd Merrymeet area, Pengover Green centre, and Lower Clicker, as shown on the Proposals Maps.

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Cost

The parish council has agreed on a standard design for its public benches, sourced from Streetmaster.

1 Grafton, 1800 std, steel boards street tough black boards and frames Black	£792.00
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4x K2T,M10 Rawl + PIS bolt	£22.0
Carriage	£85.00
Installation (approx.)	£220
TOTAL EX VAT	£1119.00