

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 19 September 2023

Title: Memorial Tree and Commemoration Bench

Purpose of Report

For Members to consider the corner of the recreation ground where the memorial bench and tree will be located.

Recommendation:

Members are being asked to:

- a. **Resolve** to the holding of the Dedicating of the Area marked as the “Queen Elizabeth II Corner”.
- b. **Resolve** to hold an event on 11 October 2023 in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.
- c. **Resolve** to allocate £500 to reserves towards the dedication event on 11 October 2023.

Report:

2. Members will have seen the Memorial bench that has been placed in the recreation ground in honour of the Late Queen Elizabeth II. Authorisation has also been given by the Town Council to purchase a tree to commemorate the Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as well.
3. A tree is in the process of being purchased and it is planned that this will be planted in the recreation ground. The blue cross on **Appendix 20A** shows the approximate location for the tree.
4. It has been suggested at a meeting in the past that this area identified should be redesignated the “Queen Elizabeth Corner” and that a ceremony dedicating both the area and the tree be carried out. In due course a noticeboard could be erected in the area noting this special area of the recreation ground. The area under consideration is marked in Red on **Appendix 20A**.
5. Initial enquiries have revealed that the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sherrif might both be available on the afternoon of 11 October to participate in the event. It is planned that the tree planting will be completed at the event with the honoured guest shovelling in some soil.
6. Members may decide that it is appropriate to allocate £500 towards enabling the event to take place. There are sufficient funds in General Reserves that can be vired across for this purpose.

7. Members are being asked to:
- a. **Resolve** to the holding of the Dedicating of the Area marked on the **appendix 20A** as the “Queen Elizabeth II Corner”.
 - b. **Resolve** to hold an event on 11 October 2023 in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.
 - c. **Resolve** to allocate £500 to reserve towards the dedication event on 11 October 2023.

Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
September 2023