

Proposed Community Mural to Wall of Local Shops

Background

At the PC Meeting on 4 July, it was resolved that Cllr Kirkby would explore the idea of a community mural on the wall at the shops and report back to a future Parish Council meeting before any discussion with the owner of the shops.

Progress

I asked Wendy Bramall, a local artist, if she was interested in painting a mural on the wall of the local shops and subsequently met her at the site.

The wall in question is the white section between the entrances to the Post Office and the Butchers.

Wendy did some investigation and confirmed that the wall itself is split with a smooth side and a rough textured side and provided some other feedback, see below.

Proposal

If the mural was to go ahead the windows would need to be tidied up beforehand and a good surface made of the wall. She was not sure how much this would cost.

The paint would cost about £500 plus after which it would need some kind of protective coating.

Wendy would charge £1,000 for the design and her time.

It would have to be next year and working at weekends when there isn't so much footfall around the shops.

Wendy is a bit concerned that over time the painting would deteriorate with the weather or even be vandalised.

Recommendation

Given the issues and concerns raised by Wendy, for example the cost of works required by the owners would be significantly more than the cost of painting the mural. Consequently, it is recommended that the Council does not proceed with a mural to the wall of the local shops.