

Proposal for Bench Maintenance for inclusion in Budget 2024/25 – PC Meeting 9 January 2024

Introduction

It was well over a year ago since the hardwood benches at the Battery and the bench on Old Kennels Lane, opposite Mumford Road, were treated. Previously, they were prepared and garden furniture oil applied in the spring and autumn. The cost at that time was £180 for two treatments a year.

The Millenium Bench was refurbished and treated with “long-lasting” stain in November 2019.

Proposal

Recommence the same treatment and frequency to the 4 hardwood benches on the Battery and the one by the path to the golf course twice a year, starting in the spring.

A couple of the benches have brass plaques; include the replace the screws in one with rustproof screws and clean and lacquer the plaques.

Regarding the Millenium bench, prepare and apply another couple of coats of “long lasting” stain at the same time as the first treatment of the other benches.

Also, the PC to be notified if any other remedial works are required to the benches prior to treating them.

Recommendation

Include £350 in the budget for 2024/25 for the works noted above.