

PC Meeting – 4 June 2024 – To consider a report on bench refurbishment (item 7.7)

Background

The PC has a budget of £350 for bench refurbishment.

Peter Arnold has undertaken this work in previous years.

Proposal

To clean, prepare and treat all the benches, including any plaques, on the Battery (there's 3 on the OBRS side and one on the opposite side) and also the bench on Old Kennels Lane (opposite Mumford Road). This one needs some additional work as one of the timber slats is warped.

Peter Arnold's price to scrub all these benches and reapply garden furniture oil and to clean and lacquer the brass plaque is £120.

The issue with the bench on Old Kennels Lane is the concrete plinth has threads cast into it for the slats to bolt down to but one of the threads is broken so one end of the slat cannot be bolted down and the thread cannot be fixed.

Peter thinks that the warped slat is saveable so just a case of screwing some oak battens across, as the broken thread can't be fixed, has included for screwing some oak battens across to the underside of the slats. The intention is that these battens will secure the slat which can't be bolted down to the other slats which can be bolted down. This price is £30.

Recommendations

To accept the prices of £120 and £30, as noted above and the Clerk to order the works.