# Consideration of a Need for Memorial Tree Policy - Cllr A Huggins July 2020

The requirement to consider this has arisen due to the following

1. Recent request for a site for Dr Adams’ Retirement tree to be placed on Parish Council Land which we have agreed to fulfil on an ad hoc basis, on Old School Green.
2. Imminent requirement for some new trees on the edge of the rec following lower car park
3. Offer of free trees from Woodland Trust

Where new trees are required, the cheap option is to seek trees from Woodland Trust.

However, many would consider trees to be a suitable lasting “memorial”, and as we serve the parish, I think we could give the Parish the opportunity to donate trees in memory or respect. We don’t often plant trees, but when we do need to, I feel we should seek this opportunity to involve the village in our works and let them put their names to trees.

Locations may include:

1. Old School Green
2. Lower Rec Car Park
3. Rec Dog Exercise area
4. Future SANG
5. ~~Huntick Pier~~ (Not suitable)
6. Other future locations as may arise

I realise there are considerations such as:

1. Type of Tree
2. Maintenance of Tree in early stages
3. What happens if the tree dies (or is vandalised)
4. Supply and Placement of plaques and maintenance thereafter.
5. Location (Old School Green / Rec / SANG? / Other ? )

If we want to consider this, I feel we should have a policy addressing these points.

But the first question is whether we want to do pursue this strategy at all?

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