

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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