

F&A Meeting – 25 June 2020

Agenda Item FA1515/20

Installation of Public Bench at Sycamore Road / Valley Walk

Introduction

A group of residents from Sycamore Road and Valley Walk (where I live), would like a bench placed on the green between the two roads to provide a place of rest/place to enjoy the surroundings. A small survey of residents through the streets' Whatsapp group resulted in a quick response from approx. 30 households supporting the installation of the bench. The idea was initiated after observing elderly residents walking their dogs/taking exercise but with nowhere to rest although the bench would be for use by all ages.

Discussion

- To determine the landowner and request permission – land registry search will need to be completed.
- To assess the best location - the middle of the green would appear to be a good choice as there are no trees with overhanging branches there.
- To agree on the design of the bench - I am proposing a bench from Wealden Benches to include fixing to the ground <https://www.wealdenbenches.co.uk/4-seat-commercial-bench>



- I recommend that the bench be purchased with the Parish Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund.

Recommendations

- That a budget of £700 is allocated to purchase the bench and any additional materials for installation
- That CIL funding be used to purchase the bench
- That the Council establishes if there are other areas of Croxley Green where a bench would be of benefit

Councillor Karen Taylor
6th June 2020

Proposed Location of Bench

