

Full Council Meeting

Thursday 30th May 2024

Agenda Item CC2519/24

Memorial Tree Planting

Introduction

To discuss the planting of a memorial tree in memory of former Parish Councillor, Hazel Seeley.

Discussion

The family of former Parish Councillor Hazel Seeley has approached the Parish Council with a request to plant a memorial tree in her honour. This proposal is in accordance with the council's recently adopted Memorial Tree policy, which has not yet been utilised.

The Council adopted a Memorial Tree policy to allow residents to commemorate loved ones through the planting of trees in the Parish Council owned Caius woodland. Typically, applicants cover the costs associated with the tree and plaque. However, in this special case, it is proposed that the Parish Council cover these costs as a gesture of gratitude for Hazel's service.

Hazel Seeley meets the eligibility criteria as outlined in the Memorial Tree policy. She was a respected member of our community and a former Parish Councillor. This request also offers a practical opportunity to implement and trial the Memorial Tree policy. The costs involved in planting the tree and installing the plaque are reasonable and can be easily accommodated within the Parish Council's budget.

Recommendations

That council:

1. Approves the request to plant a memorial tree in memory of Hazel Seeley.
2. Agrees to cover the associated costs, of up to £400, for the tree and plaque as a gesture of goodwill and appreciation for her service to our community.

Ryan Bennett
Clerk to the Council
May 2024