

PRESENT

Parish Council – Pat Black, Sheila Chapman, Dorothy Darnborough, Christine Elliott (CE), Paul Kerr, Nail Matthews, Ann Wright (Clerk)

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss proposed improvements to the youth shelter.

The meeting considered the below design to refurbish the youth shelter and adjacent area.



RED HASHED LINES- BARKED AREA CONTAINED WITH WOODEN BEARERS. HELP TO REDUCE GROUND DAMAGE AND MUD IN THE WINTER MONTHS.

YELLOW LINES- VERTICAL WOODEN SLATTING. SPACING TO ALLOW SHELTER FROM THE WEATHER BUT WILL ALSO ALLOW FOR VIEWING INTO THE STRUCTURE.

BLUE HASHED LINE. 3X RAISED BEDS, WHICH CAN BE USED AS FLOWER BEDS OR VEGETABLE PATCHES. DIMENSIONS 3FTX 4FT. GROUND TO BE FINISHED IN SLATE.

STRUCTURE TO BE PAINTED IN GREY ANTI VANDAL PAINT . NOTICE BOARD TO BE CREATED INTERNALLY AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF 12V SOLAR LIGHT ...

It was noted the Renegade Group had offered to provide the materials free of charge as it would be mostly waste from their other projects and could possibly do the work with the young people and other volunteers.

It was recognised that youth shelters have key features including they are very robust and are open plan to allow high visibility. It was reported that the proposal had been run past CW&C who had not raised any major concerns.

It was discussed that metal slatting could be used instead of wood, and it was agreed to seek a quote for this as an alternative.

The meeting discussed the use of bark on the path and agreed with the necessary wooden bearers this shouldn't cause an issue. Although it was also discussed that it might be possible to get some paving slabs donated to pave the area.

It was noted that the solar light which had been installed was still functioning.

The meeting agreed in the first instance it would be good to do work on the shelter and path and not the raised beds which will require maintenance and look instead for additional seating outside the shelter.

It was also agreed the installation of a notice or blackboard was a good idea given its success earlier in the year, however it was recognised that this would need to be very regularly monitored and if it was abused could be removed.

It was agreed to forward these notes to Bath Barlow for her comments about how best to consult with the young people on the project.

Next steps:

- CE to contact Renegade Group regarding updated design with benches and when works could be done and how volunteers could be included.
- Once dates have been agreed look to publicise proposal and obtain comments & volunteers, through notice board, social media and display in Shelter.
- Matter to be discussed at January meeting.

Ann Wright 14th December 2023.