

# EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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## Memorials within the Parish Policy

This Policy was reviewed and adopted by the Council at its Meeting held on 8 May 2021

### Introduction

From time to time the Parish Council is approached to grant permission for items of memorial to be sited around the Parish, for example a memorial bench, tree, or plaque. In order to ensure all requests are considered fairly the Parish Council has produced this policy to assist with decision making. It should be noted that each request will be considered individually and in certain cases exceptions may be made.

### Policy

- The Council will need to consider all requests carefully and ensure the proposed memorial item and location is suitable. The Council must ensure that the proposed memorial item is in keeping with the proposed location, and that the proposed location is in fact the most suitable for the item to be placed.
- Trees / plants will need to be considered carefully to ensure the introduction of a new tree / plant will not affect existing flora in the area.
- The planting of new species of vegetation on the Heath is prohibited due to the Heath being registered as Common Land.
- Where possible the Parish Council will always prefer that an existing bench / tree / plant in need of repair / replacement be chosen as a location for the new bench / tree / plant, rather than seeking a new location for additional benches / trees / plants so to ensure the village does not become cluttered.
- Small trees and plaques will need to be considered very carefully as they cause problems when grass cutting takes place and can easily be damaged.
- Maintenance of the item needs to be considered as the Parish Council will have to include this in future budget setting.
- Where a memorial seat has become beyond economic repair, a tree has died or contracted a disease that requires its destruction or a plaque has become too corroded or damaged, the Parish Council will contact the proposer for their wishes on the matter and, in the event of being unable to contact them for any reason, will resolve the situation, on their behalf, at the next full meeting of the Parish Council. The Parish Council will not fund a replacement.

### Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Clerk and Council to ensure that it is continually developed and is made publicly available.