Okehampton Town Council Parks Committee Meeting 5th July 2021 Meeting Report

Date:	25 th June 2021
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Subject:	Meeting Report

13. Steps from Simmons Park to Station Road – To consider a request from a member of the public to make alterations to the steps making them more manageable for all persons.

Note that there is a pathway through the wooded area from Simmons Park to Station Road that virtually avoids steps.





16. Benches -

16.1 To consider a proposal by Cllr Travers for the purchase of additional benches, including picnic style, for the play areas in Simmons Park.

To note that there is a budget of £1,000 for the refurbishment of existing benches within the approved budget, and an earmarked sum of £3416 for Simmons Park benches.

The £1,000 budget will be required for refurbishment and work to existing benches within the park and town. Work to create a comprehensive register of all of Council owned benches is ongoing.

17. Cemetery -

17.1 To note a report from the Clerk in relation to burials that have been undertaken since 1st April 2021.

EROB = Exclusive Right of Burial

Description	Number
Purchase of EROB for future burials	1
Burials in new plot with EROB purchase	1
Burials in new plot without EROB purchase	0
Burials in reopened plots (burial prior to 1st April 2021)	0
Burials in reopened plots (after 1st April 2021)	0
Permit for erection of Headstone (burial prior to 1 st April 2021)	4
Permit for erection of Headstone (after 1st April 2021)	0

18. Parking Tariff Boards – To consider replacement of the existing boards as proposed by WDBC at a cost of £154.49 each



19. Bus Shelters -

19.2 To consider an advertising request

A company based in Launceston have submitted a request for permission to advertise on the Council's bus shelters as follows:

Our Eco shelters are manufactured through a UK based company & are constructed from recycled aluminium.

We use a Gloucester based company to supply the green roof's which are in trays which is set inside the roof & is not visible.

They are proving popular to ensure carbon capture helping to filter out pollutants & improve air quality. The sedums come in individual trays & if one tray has an issue & needs replacing it's simple for us to replace it, we have sedums in the warehouse ready. They are very hardy plants & need minimal looking after in comparison to normal household plants.

We would look at either changing all shelters in Okehampton to living roof ones with the provision of advertising.

This would cost Okehampton nothing going forward & we would clean & maintain again, at no cost to Okehampton.



An example of their advertising boards and shelters.

25. Sponsorship – To consider a proposal from a local business who would like to sponsor a suitable area within the town centre

A suggestion of the West Bridge wildflower verge was made to them, but they feel it is too close to their business premises. They would prefer any area to be within the town centre. Further suggestions could include:

- Fairplace Sensory Garden
- Fairplace Public Toilets
- Area behind Lidl
- A flower bed in Simmons Park

The Committee is requested to consider the cost and conditions of the sponsorship, if approved.