

**Okehampton Town Council
Parks Committee Meeting 3rd October 2022
Meeting Report**

Date:	26 th September 2022
Name:	Emma James

Parks Bookings –

To consider a request from an Artist to hold an Art Exhibition in Simmons Park in 2024



Proposed Date: 2024

Duration: 3 weeks

“The aim of the exhibition is to harness the mental benefits of the creative arts with the health benefits of being in nature”

- Accessibility of the art for people with varying impairments is a priority for the group and so walking routes will be sensitive to creating inclusivity
- The art works will be highly mindful of the environment and not cause damage through display, additionally they will be weather resistant and safe for the public to be left unsupervised with







Proposed work: (THIS IS HYPOTHETICAL as the work will develop and is currently unknown)

Capturing the light of the natural environment, Stevie intends to make a painting that is illuminated and reflects onto its surroundings. Suspending from a tree the painting will be dispersed, giving the impression of shattered stained glass. The segments will form miniature abstractions that explore the experience of wonderment and our relationship to colour, light and joy. The art will interact with the elements being moved by the wind therefore allowing the viewer to stand inside the dancing colours. On the ground four larger fragments of abstracted colour will be displayed allowing a closer engagement of the merging of nature and art. The artist proposes to create an immersive painting that not only encompasses the space but is moved by the forces within it, with the intention to return to an inner place where we experience colours without the limitations of explanation and language.



Quantity: Between 30-50 in the tree (15cm squared) and four larger pieces

Materials: Varying types of paint such as acrylic, water colour and oil, painted onto acetate and enclosed between two sheets creating weather resistance. For the larger pieces the paint will be enclosed between two sheets of Perspex. Using fishing wire to display the paintings in the tree, the four larger pieces will have a metal/wooden structure.

Size: Smaller pieces 15cm squared and 50cm squared

Display: The paintings will be hung from the branches of a chosen tree that is positioned with a significant light source through out the day. Using fishing wire the paintings will appear suspended. The length will be short to avoid tangling. The four larger pieces will surround the tree in a considered position to also capture light and interact with the tree pieces. The Perspex will be within a metal or wooden frame which will have legs to secure into the ground.

Risks: The tree pieces will be very light, they will be secured very tightly but in a rare occasion they detached they would not cause any harm. The



ground pieces pose a slight trip hazard, but will be placed out of the way of a path and signed appropriately.

Bus Shelters – To consider further information received in relation to a bus shelter advertising request

Fernbank have clarified the following:

- Fernbank would supply, clean maintain the shelters for the life of the agreement.
- If at the end of the agreement Fernbank didn't have a continuation to the agreement, we would leave the bus shelters in situ, (remove the advertising panel) & hand them over to Okehampton Town Council at no cost to the Council.
- We would not remove the shelters where there is no requirement to.

Drinking Water Fountains/Refill Points – To consider a report regarding the provision of a drinking water fountains in Simmons Park

Mrs Horn has provided the following report for consideration:

There is a bequest of money left to the Town Council to replace the bandstand structure. A new band stand has already been constructed near the leisure centre so a suggestion for the fund was a water fountain for refilling bottles.

Water Fountain Costs

Cost for 8 months of running as it would have to be turned off from first frost to last.

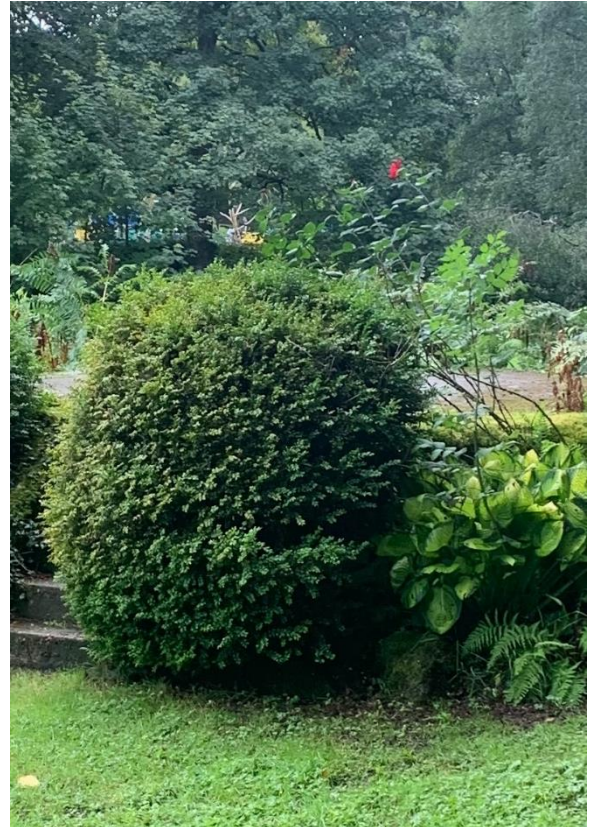
8 months of weekly legionella and other waterborne disease checks.	£1,080
Cartridge replacement for 8 months use	£93
Filters changed 3 weeks for 8 months use	£50
Total yearly cost £1,223 + VAT	
Daily cleaning with disinfectant and de-scaler 6 monthly complete strip down and clean Without taking into account the extra daily workload for the parks staff.	
The total does not include the cost of water for the fountain. If the amount of water used was equivalent to Fairplace that would be an extra £1378 +VAT at 2021/22 prices	
Total running costs for the year will exceed £2601	

Old Band Stand Base – To consider a report to enhance the old band stand base creating a multiuse space utilising a sum of money (£5,731) previously bequeathed to the Town Council in 2018 specifically for a project in Simmons Park, and the Bandstand earmarked funds of £22,000

Mrs Horn has provided the following report for consideration:

There is a bequest of money left to the Town Council to replace the bandstand structure. A new band stand has already been constructed near the leisure centre so replacing the structure with another bandstand does not seem appropriate.

Old Band Stand Arbour

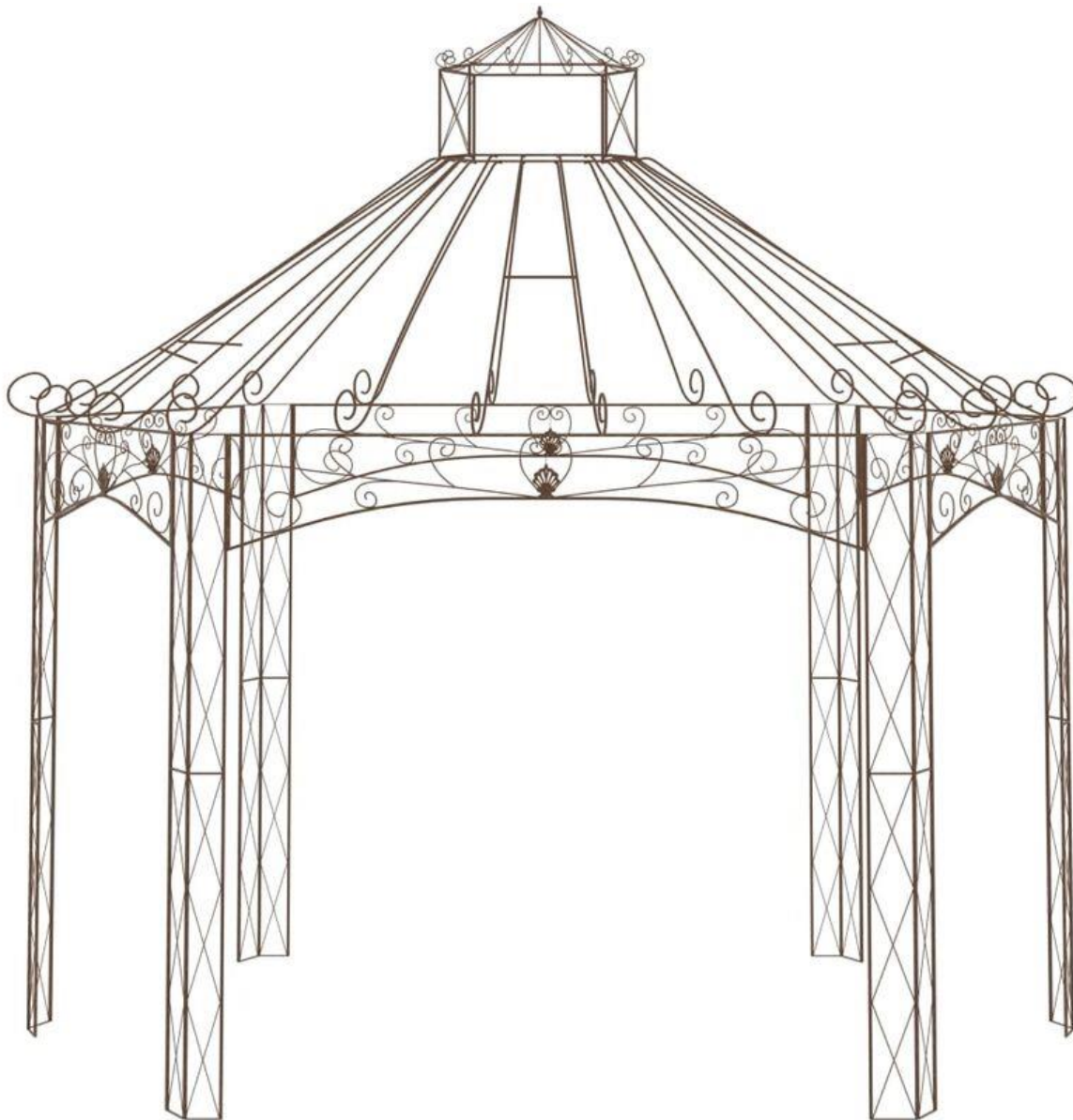


The concrete base of the structure still stands and in conjunction with the park keeper we have been looking at an alternative structure to sit on the plinth.

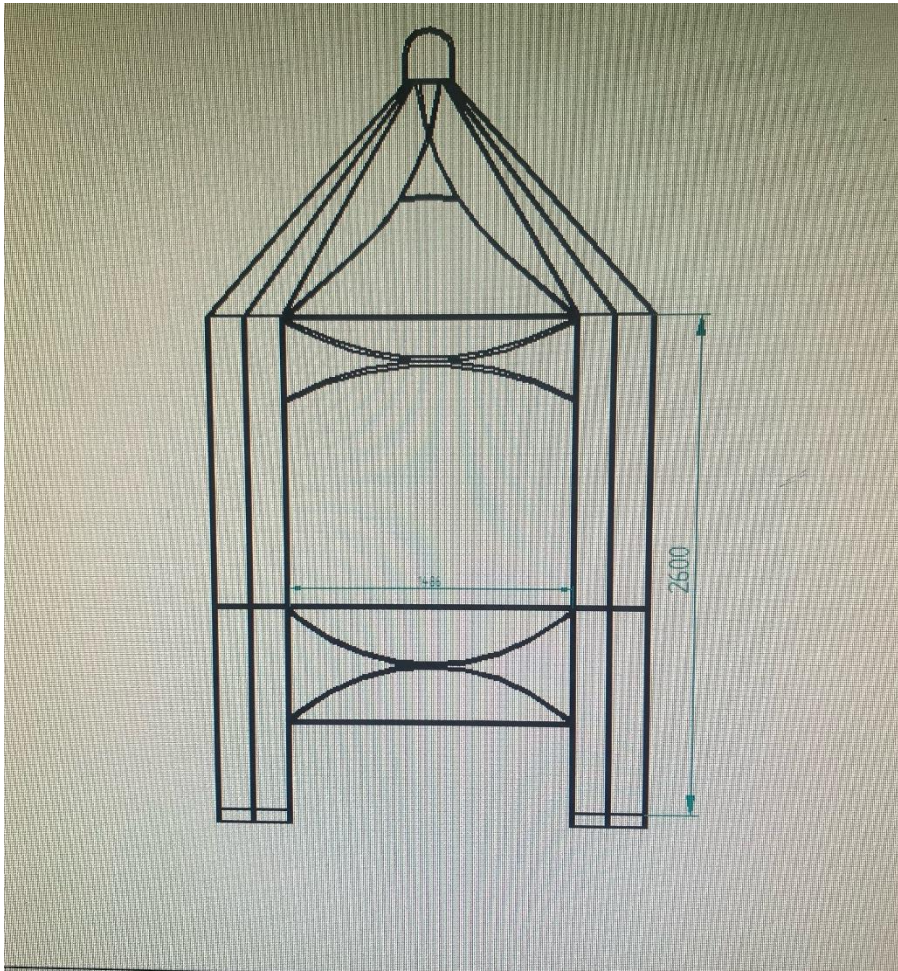
The plinth is octagonal in shape about 5m across with steps leading up to it from the chalet side. Due to its unusual shape a purpose-built structure would have to be constructed and attached to the plinth.

The structure would need to have railings up the steps and railings around the structure at a height of between 95- 110 cm, for health and safety.

A structure like the one below but less ornate is suggested.



To check the feasibility of this idea a local metal fabricator has been contacted to give an idea of design and cost for the project.



It is finished in one coat of primer and one coat of topcoat, made from 16 MM round bar, you may decide 20 MM round Bar is better and recommended but increases the cost.

It includes rails to go around the top of the bandstand but not rails on the steps.

The quote does not include fitting as he has not been out to do a site survey on it.

Quote [REDACTED] but this may change as the price of metal keeps increasing.

This is a very basic design but can be made more ornate.

To make the structure blend in with its surroundings it could be painted green to match the park railings and keep the continuity of the parks colour scheme. As the plants from around the base grow up the structure it will give support to them.

Correspondence – To consider correspondence received from members of the public in relation to the following topics:

Cycling in Simmons Park -

May I ask for signs, similar to those restricting dogs, that display the bylaws for cycling? There are more and more adult cyclists using the park pathways which can be a danger.

Putting Green

Our holiday club went and used the putting Green on Wednesday and thought how wonderful it would be for the families especially the children if it were crazy golf instead. Please could you bring our request to the town council as I understand they own the area? It maybe if money is an issue that they could apply for grant funding for the project!

Cemetery –**To receive a summary of burials since 1st April 2022**

EROB = Exclusive Right of Burial

Description	Number
Purchase of EROB for future burials	0
Burials in new plot with EROB purchase	1
Burials in new plot without EROB purchase	0
Burials in reopened plots without EROB purchase (burial prior to 1 st April 2021)	2
Burials in reopened plots with EROB purchase (burial prior to 1 st April 2021)	0
Burials in reopened plots (after 1 st April 2021)	0
Permit for erection of Headstone (burial prior to 1 st April 2021)	1
Permit for erection of Headstone (after 1 st April 2021)	1
Permit for additional Headstone Inscription	1