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Sent: 28 February 2022 11:29
To: JUDY ANSCOMBE
Cc: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council; Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: RE: Town Benches

Hi Judy,

That's really helpful. Thanks for confirming the total number. I'll update procurement.

Thanks,
Evie

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Subject: Re: Town Benches

Dear Evie

Please see below the list of benches in and around the Market Place total 18:

20	Market Place – north side	Outside Kebab & Pizza shop near bus shelter
21	Market Place – north side	Outside William H Brown
22	Market Place – north side	Outside Sue's News – in memory of Mr Woods
23	Market Place – north side	Opposite McColls facing road
24	Market Place – north side	Opposite McColls facing war memorial
25	Market Place – north side	Near traffic lights
26	War Memorial	Facing traffic lights
27	War Memorial	Facing McColls
28	War Memorial	Facing Digital phones – Donated by Afternoon W. I.
No	Location	Other Information
29	Market Place	In front of Costa
30	Market Place	In front of Costa – in memory of Oliver Meek
31	Market Place	In front of Costa

32	Market Place	Outside Thing Me Bobs
33	Market Place	In front of the Greyhound
34	Market Place	Opposite White Hart
35	Market Place	Pit Lane Car Park – in memory of Tom Youngs
36	Market Place	Pit Lane Car Park – in memory of Nathan
37	Market Place	Outside Methodist Church
38	Buttercross	Installed in 2018
39	Buttercross	Installed in 2018
40	Buttercross	Installed in 2018
41	Buttercross	Installed in 2018
42	Buttercross	Installed in 2018
43	Buttercross	Installed in 2018

Kind regards

Judy

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On Fri, 25 Feb 2022 at 09:28, Hayman, Evie <Evie.Hayman@breckland.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Judy,

If that's the earliest it can be formally discussed, then that will have to do!

Yes, when speaking with Andrew on this, he thinks that redundant benches could be recycled out in other towns to replace the worst offending benches.

We have a budget of £14k to spend and possibly more if it means replacing all benches in town. I think from another email it was 17 (please correct me if that's wrong!) benches in town that we would order for new replacements.

Thanks,

Evie

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From: JUDY ANSCOMBE <cllranscombe.swaffhamtc@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: Town Benches

Hi Evie

All these options on locations, opportunities for taking advantage of this funding and maintenance aspects, would go to Full Council for consideration. Is March 9th meeting too late for this to be discussed please?

I think it's a good opportunity to update some of our street furniture, but we will need to consider the recycling of existing benches to other locations in town perhaps.

I'm sure Richard or Claire can offer more information on this than I can.

We would still need to know how many could be replaced for your budget please?

Many thanks

Kind regards

Judy

On Thu, 24 Feb 2022, 16:41 Hayman, Evie, <Evie.Hayman@breckland.gov.uk> wrote:

Hello Judy,

I have discussed the benches with Steph from Urban Symbiotics and she understands that they may need repositioning in the future, but this could be within the year or a few years down the line. We can always move them if needed, I don't see an issue. She also liked the designs of the benches and the others in the collection that allow for more seating and more flexible options.

The inscriptions, are they on plaques that could be placed on new benches?

I have spoken to our procurement team on quotes and they are looking to try and get an up to date quote and additional ones to make sure its suitable and I have mentioned it has to include installation.

This is something I don't know too much about, so forgive my stupid question! But if Breckland want to cover the costs completely of the new benches and installation, does it need to go to full council for approval of costs? And could it be agreed at that meeting that the management and maintenance would be covered by the TC?

Thanks,

Evie

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Dear Evie

Following your emails regarding the underspend for this year from Historic England, and what we could use some funding for, I have discussed with both Richard and Claire and we feel that this an opportunity to upgrade some of our street furniture, the following considerations need to be taken into account:

- 1.If we decided that the area around the War Memorial would be a good location to replace the benches, the Masterplan has much vision for creating an open space and includes moving the 3 benches around the memorial. It would therefore not be cost effective to do this work twice?
- 2.If we decided on replacing the benches in the vicinity of the Buttercross existing new style benches, there are three that have inscriptions on the back for commemoration, so this would need to be considered. See below for details of those around the Market Place total 9:

Bench number:

29 - in front of Costa ; 30 & 31 - in front of Costa(in memory of Oliver Meek);32 outside QD Furniture; 33 - in front of the Greyhound pub; 34 - opposite the White Hart, London Street; 35 - Pit Lane Car Park (in memory of Tom Youngs); 36 - Pit Lane Car Park (in memory of Nathan); 37 - outside the Methodist Church.

The proposal and costs of this project would have to be submitted to Full Council for consideration; the next Full Council meeting is March 9th and the April meeting is 13th, but too late for the March 31st deadline.

I'm sure we could obtain an up to date quote for 6 benches to match the budget, but this has to include installation.

Could you please consider the above and advise on the available budget and next steps?

Many thanks

Kind regards

Judy

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