

Street Furniture Policy

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The Parish Council has the Power but not the Duty to provide seating, flower planters, dog, litter and grit bins. All applications will be considered on their individual merit.

BENCHES

Benches should be placed where they contribute to the street scene, but must not cause an obstruction to the footway. Benches help to create a sense of place and they are a useful and valued public amenity. New benches must match existing seat styles and materials and be in a style that suits the area.

Donated Memorial Benches on the highway

Members of the public can request a bench to commemorate a loved one. The Parish Council will apply for the licence for permission to place a bench on the highway (footpath) on the resident's behalf. Residents living in the vicinity of the proposed location of the bench will be consulted and they must agree on its position. A commemorative plaque no larger than 20cm x 6cm may be attached to the bench. The wording must be approved by the Parish Council. Residents are to agree to meet the cost of the bench, plaque and the installation. The bench is to be donated to the Parish for its lifetime. The bench will be removed by the Council and not be replaced when it is at the end of its life time or if it is unsafe. Please be mindful that the bench will become the responsibility of the Parish Council and it must be available for people to sit on. Flowers, soft toys or memorials of any kind must not be attached to the bench at any time.

Donated Memorial Benches on Parish land.

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Picnic Benches

Picnic benches will be carefully positioned with due consideration by the Parish Council of location to minimise disturbance to local residents. Only picnic benches highly resistant to damage and vandalism will be considered for installation. A Litter bin should be located near picnic benches if not already installed. The Parish Council reserve the right to remove picnic benches if the need arises.

LITTER BINS & DOG BINS

Litter bins and dog bins are provided to encourage the local community to keep the footpaths and streets clean. Bins will only be installed on land the Parish Council is responsible for. OR Bins will only be installed at suitable locations and providing that they have the funds. If the Council deem the location to be unsuitable for reasons of safety, such as stopping to empty a bin, proximately of housing or installation difficulties it may also be declined.

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GRIT BINS

Grit bins are provided for self-help by members of the public. Grit is provided by the Council for use on the public highway (road and footpaths). If the Council believe grit is being used on private land/footpaths/driveways consideration will be given for the removal of the bin. The Parish Council will not provide a grit bin if the application falls within the DCC criteria for salt bin provision.

FLOWER PLANTERS

The Council will not supply flower planters as standard practice. The acceptance is in the Holmer Green ward at Turners place where this is historic.

Council will consider an application for the installation for a planter(s) onto its land or land with the Parish on the basis of the installation has been approved by the land owner. LMPC would require a copy of the permission.

LMPC would not fund the purchase or installation of planters nor would it undertake to plant, water or maintain any planter other than the planters at Turners Place.

The Council may vote to make a contribution towards the purchase of the planter if a request was made by a third party.

The Council would at no time take over the responsibility of maintaining a planter that fell into disuse but would insist on its removal at the expense of the original body responsible for its installation.

LMPC will consider requests to install or allow installation of street furniture on land owned by the Council (e.g., notice boards, litter bins and dog waste bins, bollards, flower tubs and other ornamental displays, etc) provided the following conditions are met:

Conditions:-

- the design of the structure must not differ from the approved design without LMPC written consent
- the structure must present no risk to the public and be kept in a good state of repair
- the structure must be secure and reasonably resistant to vandalism
- a declaration must be provided to show that the applicant accepts responsibility for the structure and its maintenance
- the owner must remove the structure at any time, if LMPC require it

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