

Deputy Clerks Report June 2024

The VIP's Community Group approached the Council about some future projects they want to work on.

1. Treasure Chest/Small Shed: 1 Recommendation

VIP's want to place a weatherproof box/small shed beside the tennis hut in Broadclyst to store bats, balls etc for everyone to use and replace after use. The VIP's will take responsibility for the box and the contents. They realise the items will go missing but are going to replace them in a sustainable way with donations and items purchased from the charity shop.

Recommendation: For Council to agree for the VIPs to keep the box/small shed next to the tennis hut with the responsibility to the VIPs.

2. Christmas Tree: To Note

The VIP's have been looking at different ways to showcase the Christmas tree lights and came up with the idea of a living Christmas tree to be planted on the green area behind the Victory Hall (where the current tall tree is with the Christmas tree lights) The Current lights in the big tree take a lot of money to maintain and the cherry picker costs so much money and eats into the VIPs fundraising. The idea for the living Christmas Tree was for it to be used more easily at Christmas time and without the need for expensive equipment, but also for the tree to grow with the village.

The National Trust were approached, and they came back to me saying that, that the Christmas tree would look out of place.

The VIPs will take another look at this. The light parade through the village last Christmas was a great success.

3. Outdoor Tennis Table: 2 recommendations



Figure 1 Location of community table tennis.

The VIPs want to utilize the fundraising money they have raised and purchase an outdoor table tennis table to be placed next to the outdoor gym area. (subject to sign off from Council and the National Trust)

The VIP's will supply the paddles and balls (in the treasure chest/shed by the tennis hut). This cost has been factored into the VIPs spending. The table cost £999 – it comes with a 10-year guarantee. The Maintenance team will need to concrete the feet into the ground. The VIPs would like to gift the table tennis table to the parish so it will become the Council's asset, responsibility and will come under the Council's inspection routine.

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Recommendations:

- i. For Council to approve the location of the table tennis table.
- ii. For delegation to the Deputy Clerk to obtain permission from the National Trust.
- iii. For Council to agree to take on the asset and all associated responsibility, insurance, and inspections.

4. Picnic Benches 2 recommendation

The VIP's potentially want to provide seating/picnic benches in the play park at Broadclyst from their fundraising money. The picnic benches will be sourced from Devon Contract Waste (DCW) where the Council have previously purchased seats along the footpath at the beginning of this year.

Recommendation:

- i. For Council to approve the proposal of the picnic bench/seating in the Broadclyst Play Park to be purchased by the VIPs.
- ii. For Council to include the seating/picnic bench as its asset with the ongoing responsibility, insurance, and inspections.

5. Bowling Green Benches: To Note

The Clerk received an email regarding the state of the benches around the Bowling Green. One bench was in a very bad state of repair and has had to be taken out of commission, the other is usable but is not the best condition. The benches have been replaced like for like with agreement from the Finance Chair and the Clerk. The benches were purchased from DCW (preferred supplier) and will be on site beginning of June. The replacement benches are