

Area Outside Council Office, 45b, High Street

1.0 Background

The area outside 45b, High Street is maintained by the Parish Council. It is well used as a pedestrian thoroughfare for those residents in Chequers Square and users of the High Street generally. It is a well-used 'resting point' where the benches are located.

Street furniture already in situ includes a bench, 3 noticeboards, flagpole, wooden planter, low level lighting bollard, defibrillator, rubbish bin (emptied by Bucks Council). A damaged Parish Council bench causing health and safety concerns was removed during June 2021. The paved path whilst in a fair condition is starting to show signs of loose filling concrete and loose paving stones that could, in the future, pose a health and safety concern (trip hazard).

The two main noticeboards are in a poor condition as they have been vandalised so bare cigarette burns and the Perspex windows are very discoloured making reading notices very difficult. They also don't match in terms of design. One has a temporary lock for security purposes. A third noticeboard is currently being used to display material from Iver Heath Drama Club.

The memorial bench (Neville Seagrove) is in relatively poor looking condition as it is constructed of wooden slates with steel frames and has potentially been in situ for over 10 years.



2.0 Options for Improvements

Amongst the options for improving this area, the following street furniture additions could be considered:

- **Public Cycle Racks** – Approx. £500 in cost and we currently have a set in storage
- **New Bench** – Approx. £500 in cost depending on design / supplier
- **New Noticeboard** – Approx. £1,500 depending on design / style
- **Contract Maintained Street Planter** – Approx. £800 with an approximate £150pa rolling maintenance contract (WindowFlowers). (The asset becomes that of the Parish Council and the contract is renewed on a yearly basis.)
- **Refurbishment of the path** – costs to be obtained if required by the OS&H Committee

3.0 Finances

- There is money in ear-marked reserves for this area.
- There is £5,000 budgeted for Street Furniture across the Parish for 21 / 22

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