

Landewednack Parish Council

Bench Funds Donation Policy

1. General

Landewednack Parish Council understands and respects the wishes of its residents to remember loved ones through donations of funds for memorial benches to be placed on land owned and maintained by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council wishes to endorse such donations whilst considering the needs and wishes of all residents.

It is the policy of the Parish Council to consider all such applications for donations but reserves the right to refuse any application which it deems inappropriate for any reason. The decision of the Parish Council shall be final.

The Parish Council does not have authority over the Southwest coastal path, nor any land owned or managed by the National Trust, Natural England, or any other landowner.

2. Donated Bench Policy

Memorial benches can be installed but only at the locations identified by the Parish Council. Benches will be of the style the Parish Council sees appropriate for the location. No flowers or memorialisation to be attached to the bench other than a plaque. A donation is required to cover the cost of the bench. The donor is to provide a plaque in accordance with the approved terms and conditions.

The Parish Council will take over the responsibility from the point of donation of funds. The donor will not own the bench at any time.

3. Memorial benches

The number of memorial benches in any particular area will be limited. The Parish Council will decide the exact location of a bench.

To maintain consistency of appearance and quality benches shall be of a style and design decided by the Parish Council. It is requested that donors provide the funds to the Parish Council so that approved benches may be supplied and ordered by the Parish Council. They are the property of the Parish Council who will inspect them during the reasonable life of the benches and will undertake simple repairs to maintain the life of the bench.

Over the course of time, the benches may become unsustainable and irreparable and will be removed at that point, to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements. Where there is an existing plaque on a bench this may be transferred to another bench if there are sufficient available, but this is not guaranteed.

4. Commemorative plaques

If the applicant wishes to have a commemorative plaque installed, the applicant shall seek the prior approval in writing of the Parish Council by submitting full details including the wording design size and proposed position of the plaque. The Parish Council may in its absolute discretion withhold approval. The Parish Council accepts no responsibility for any plaque. Plaques installed without permission will be removed and disposed of.

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5. Location and types of benches

At the time of approving this policy members of the public may provide funds for the purchase of benches as follows. The benches can only be purchased by the Parish Council and strictly in accordance with the style approved for the location by the Parish Council.

Landewednack Lawn Cemetery – currently, timber, park style benches only, manufactured by the company approved by the Parish Council, for siting on the Lawn Cemetery.

The Lizard Recreation Ground – currently, light grey recycled plastic sustainable 3-or-4-seater park style benches only, manufactured by the company approved by the Parish Council for siting on The Recreation Ground.

The Lizard Small Green – 3-and-4-seater timber park style benches, manufactured by the company approved by the Parish Council for the small green location. Also picnic style table benches, manufactured by the same approved company.

Replacement Benches around the village - currently light grey recycled plastic sustainable 2-, 3-or 4-seater park style benches only, manufactured by the company approved by the Parish Council.

The area known as The Lizard Green – New benches are not currently being installed on this land

6. Process

Contact the parish clerk – Clerk@landewednackparishcouncil.org.uk