

## Highways and Amenities Committee – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Large Flower Bed at West Cross

#### Agenda Item 4

I have consulted the Horticultural Society (HS) regarding the maintenance of the flower bed at the Junction of West Cross Gardens and High Street and they have kindly agreed to take on this task. The bed is currently roughly cut by Ashford Borough Council under their agreement with KCC but the overall responsibility is unclear.

Responsibility for the bed will shortly pass to Tenterden Town Council under the caretaker scheme and is in a very prominent position at the western approach to the town.

The bed is very large and unkempt at present and will require preparation almost from scratch including:

1. Virtually all shrubs to be replaced and new more suitable plants purchased
2. Replacement topsoil
3. A weed-suppressant fabric membrane
4. Mulch coating.
5. Fertilizers.

Initially the HS has asked that our maintenance staff clear out the bed and assist with the preparation for new planting, liaising with HS representatives on-site. This task must be carried out as soon as possible for a good result next spring.

Volunteers will only work from the pavement side of the bed to maintain the display and these personnel will be covered by the town council's insurance.

The purchases listed above have been estimated by the HS to be in excess of £600 with an absolute maximum of £1000. Wherever possible, bulk purchases will be made by the Town Council to reduce costs. The short term expense will be offset long term by removing the requirement for our maintenance staff to undertake work there apart from watering.

Any replacement flowers will be funded in the same way as the existing beds at the Fairings and Boots. This has, in the past, been a very low cost exercise.

**Proposal:** That the council agree to maintenance of the flower bed by the Horticultural Society, and allocate a maximum budget of £1000 for the initial set-up



Phil Burgess  
Town Clerk

Impact on Crime and Disorder : None

Impact on Bio-diversity : Beneficial

Budgetary Impact : Initially up to £1000 – long term saving in labour

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**RBL Bench at the War Memorial**

**Agenda Item 5**

A bench has recently been installed at the War Memorial following a request by a resident. The existing bench is situated to the east side of the memorial perpendicular to the High Street and the RBL would like to install a matching bench at the west side of the memorial.

This work should ideally take place before November 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday.

The bench will be funded from Cllr Knowles' ABC members grant and will bear the inscription "In remembrance of Tenterden supporters of the Royal British Legion. Lest we forget".

**Proposal:** That the council agree to placement of the bench in this location.



Phil Burgess  
Town Clerk

Impact on Crime and Disorder : None

Impact on Bio-diversity : None

Budgetary Impact : Minimal - Labour and fixings only