



# Kington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. R. Widdowson - Chair  
Cllr. E. Banks  
Cllr. R. Banks  
Cllr. J. Gardner  
Cllr. F. Hawkins  
Cllr. D. Redmayne  
Cllr. E. Rolls  
Cllr. I Spencer

### IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Kelso - Clerk

### Agenda

Item Minute

- 1 140-21 To note apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation**  
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. T. Bounds, J. Cooke, J. Dennis, P. Edwards, R. MacCurrach, and B. Macleod-Needs. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
- 2 141-21 Covid Memorial Benches**  
**To note update from working group and agree change to timescales for final delivery of the project**  
a)  
Members noted the update on work that has taken place since the last update and in particular the group meeting that had taken place to consider proposals for the location of one bench in the Recreation Ground. Discussions on the location for the second bench required further input before a final decision could be made so it was agreed that delivery of the second bench may be delayed until next year as there is a current estimated lead time of some 13 months for this work.

**b) To consider and approve final designs**

The final design for the curved bench identified for the Recreation Ground was considered, including arrangements for installation into the ground. After due consideration, it was agreed to approve the design by Ambrose Burne, subject to contract, for a curved design bench as presented to the meeting. It was further agreed that a plaque or engraved stone might be installed nearby (subject to further consideration once costs etc. are identified) to identify the bench as a memorial for those who have died during the Coronavirus pandemic, whether through the virus or not. The design and potential location for the second bench was deferred pending further discussions between the designer and the proposed location(s).

**c) To consider location of the proposed bench(es)**

It was agreed that the curved bench designed by Ambrose Burne would be installed within the Recreation Ground at the location discussed by the working group and identified at the meeting.

A decision on the second bench was deferred pending further discussions.

**d) To agree a budget price for the proposed bench(es)**

It was agreed to accept a budget price of up to £3,700 for the design, manufacture, delivery and installation of the bench designed by Ambrose Burne to be installed in the Recreation Ground. It was noted that a deposit of 50% was required to secure the contract.

A decision on the second bench was deferred pending further discussions with the designer, manufacturer and potential location of the bench.

**e) To authorise the Clerk to enter into contractual negotiations for the delivery of agreed bench(es)**

It was agreed to authorise the Clerk to complete contractual details for the delivery of the agreed bench for the Recreation Ground.

**3 To confirm date and time of next meeting**

Members were reminded that the next Full Council meeting will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

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Chairman