THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY ON MEMORIAL BENCHES

All requests for memorial benches will be fully considered by the Parish Council.

Requests will be accommodated wherever possible, although currently there is limited need for additional benches within the parish.

The donor will be expected to meet the cost of purchasing the bench and plaque(s).

A bench will be selected in consultation with the donor, of a type and standard approved by the Parish Council.

Once erected, basic maintenance of the bench will become the responsibility of the Parish Council.

If major maintenance is required, the donor will be consulted and invited to meet/contribute towards the cost if a viable repair can be made. If repairs are not viable, the donor will be consulted regarding the disposal or replacement.

The Parish Council's insurance policy will meet the cost of repairing or replacing benches provided their replacement values form part of the Street Furniture sum insured.

Loss or damage caused by events such as theft, fire, vandalism and by accidental means is covered subject to a £250 excess in respect of any one claim.

Damage resulting from gradual deterioration or wear and tear is not insured.

When the bench reaches the end of its natural life, the original donor will be contacted wherever possible, and asked whether they wish to purchase a replacement bench.

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