

Date: 07 April 2022

Title: Report Item 12 – Requests for Resources

By: Cllr M Bustard (Environment Lead)

Purpose: To report on two requests from the Residents' Association

Recommendations: a) To approve a donation of up to £250 to the Residents' Association for East Dean in Bloom
b) To approve a donation of £500 to the Residents' Association for Interpretation Boards on the wildflower strip at the recreation ground

1. Jubilee planting at the shops

The Residents Association (RA) would like a donation to enable them to plant the area around the shops in Jubilee colours. The council has already agreed that this year's planting should be done in the Jubilee colours [Council Minutes, 3rd March 2022, Item C.536 (h)].

Lesley D'Urso (RA Chair) has already arranged for seeds to be grown and the amount required is up to £250 (hopefully it will be less). There were funds left over from East Dean in Bloom 2021-22. Strictly these were not ring-fenced but there is a fresh budget of up to £250 for 2022/23.

2. Interpretation Boards for the wild flower strip at the cricket pitch

I should like to place on the agenda an application for a donation of £500 to the RA now for the above and if we have money left as a result of no election expenses, a further £250 later in the financial year - say October. Details of the proposal are appended to this report.

The RA will be responsible for all the artwork which is not included in the following costs. It is circa £1000. The RA has obtained three quotes £1060, £964 and £886 excluding artwork for the two boards. So far no grant has been identified.

Regarding copyright and ownership of any boards, if the donation is approved I will discuss these with the RA as well as our need to approve artwork before any payment is requested.

Note by the Clerk on financial implications:

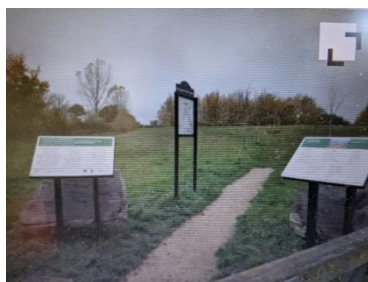
The budget set aside for Environment projects in 2022/23 is £1,000. The other Environment project that is expected to come up during the coming financial year is the 're-naturing' of part of the Greensward, for which a grant of £500 was requested last autumn, though that project has been set aside until this summer, as it can only be implemented in the autumn. There is no ring-fenced budget for Environment to be carried over from 2021/22 to 2022/23. The council will not be able to reclaim VAT on the boards.

APPENDIX

Wildflower strip Interpretation Boards

Main interpretation Board

- A2 size with a panel measuring 420 x594mm landscape.
- Viewing angle to be 45 degrees.
- The print work will be designed and supplied by those volunteer artists working on the project.
- The lectern will be twin legged 1200mm x125 x50 mm



Examples of A2 size boards

Smaller Interpretation Board that can have panels removed.

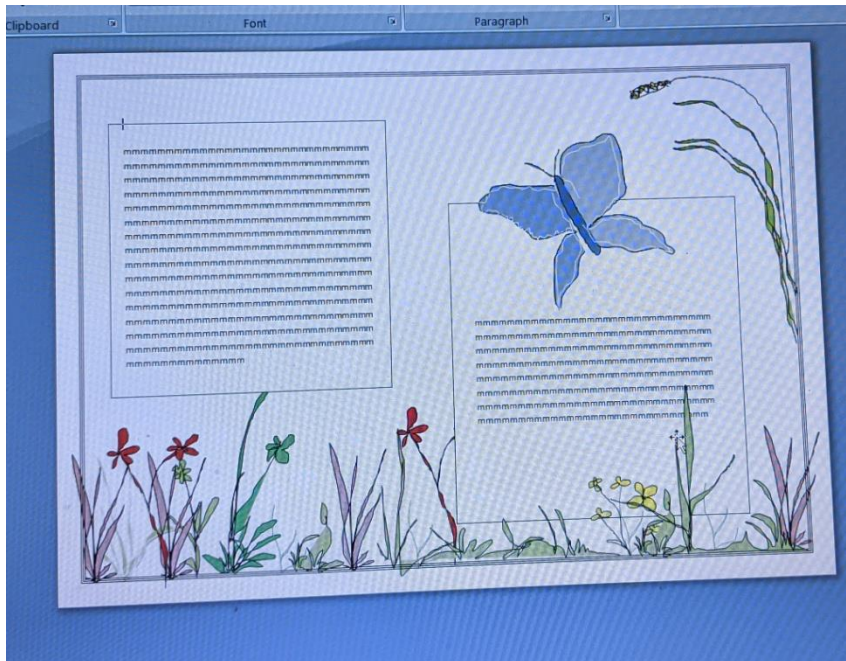
- A3 Display Case mounted on Lectern
- Case dimensions 367 x 490mm
- Visible 277 x 400mm
- Mounted at viewing angle of 45 degree
- Single Leg 1200mm x 125 x 50

	Brown recycled plastic lectern	2 inch thick air dried oak	Aluminium
A2 Board	£525 ex VAT	PRICE HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR BOTH BOARDS	
A3 Board	£359 ex VAT		
Total cost inc VAT	£1060	£964	£886
Warranty on lectern	20 years	15 years	5 years

Please note these quotes represent like for like in dimensions only. They were sought just to give the PC a guide to the amount of funding the project requires, and the differing materials available.

Design rationale.

Please note –this is for illustrative purposes only – the final designs have not been completed as a funding decision is required before more time, work and expense is invested by the group.



The design for main board will have an explanation as to the rationale behind the creation of the strip. Artwork will be annotated so that viewers can identify species on the graphic. The intention is to include Q code(s) that can link to more information about chalkland flora and fauna should visitors be interested to learn more.

The smaller board will be able to be changed throughout the growing season. The idea of this is to provide more detailed information about plants that are in flower at a particular time, and the insects that they attract. Interchangeable information boards offer the possibility of being more informative and adding to visitor interest, particularly local visitors.

In terms of the artwork production undertaken by residents on a voluntary basis this represents a saving of approximately £1000 + against a professionally produced board.

Installation will be undertaken and paid for by the RA ecology group.