

HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

COMMEMORATIVE ADDITIONS TO THE RECREATION GROUND

It is the desire of the Parish Council to have a policy in place that allows for appropriate commemorative additions (memorials) to be placed within the recreation ground boundaries subject to written permission being granted by the Parish Council in advance of the memorial being put in situ.

This policy also ensures that the Parish Council deals with all requests to site memorials in a fair manner, after due consideration.

The following general rules will apply to memorials on the recreation ground;

1. Memorials honouring living people will not be considered
2. No burials of cremated remains will be allowed
3. Memorials must be to honour a past resident of the Parish
4. Requests to site a memorial on the recreation ground must be put in writing to the Parish Council providing details of;
 - The person to be commemorated
 - The item to be sited (tree, bench, piece of equipment etc.)
 - The requested location for the item
 - Any justification for the request.
5. Written permission must be granted by the Parish Council prior to any siting of a memorial
6. Both the permission to site a memorial and any final location of an approved memorial are entirely at the discretion of the Parish Council

When considering requests for permission to site a memorial on the recreation ground, the Parish Council will consider the following;

1. What contribution the resident made to the Parish
2. Is the proposed memorial item of a suitable nature (e.g. no trees with poisonous berries will be allowed)
3. Is the proposed location suitable, if not, is there a more suitable location that can be offered instead
4. What is the likelihood of vandalism and how can it be reduced
5. What is the likelihood of accidental damage and how can it be reduced.
6. What are the likely maintenance costs (any proposals resulting in maintenance costs in excess of 3% of the prevailing Precept in any one year will be rejected.)

For the purposes of clarity, the Parish Council reserves the right to, without obligation to consult;

1. Carry out such repairs as it deems necessary to keep a memorial in good order
2. Relocate a memorial if circumstances mean the memorial would be better sited in a different location.
3. Where repair of a memorial is financially prohibitive, remove the memorial or give the descendents (if known) the option to pay for the repairs. Where the descendents are not known to the Parish Council, the memorial will be removed
4. Where repair of a memorial is not possible, remove the memorial.
5. Remove any diseased, dangerous or dead memorial trees.
6. Remove any memorial trees that become too costly to maintain or that impair future plans for the recreation ground.

Reference: Parish Council Meeting 5th May 2009
Parish Council Meeting 2nd June 2009 item 5 (d)