

## 22/1140 Parish Council Building – external.

To consider a process of the Parish Council building's exterior regeneration.

Recommendation: Task and Finish group

As a Council, we have identified the area outside the Parish Council building is currently in need of some regeneration and could ideally be put to much better use. This document is intended to provide some inspiration to help establish a plan to do that.

Our Offices should be a welcoming place for residents to visit and ideally the "grounds" could be used to provide more of an enjoyable community space.

There are two separate things to consider – the building and the "grounds". Also the removal of the cemetery shed and large plastic shed are involved in this potential project. All are considered below in short, medium and long term phases.

### Short Term goals

*Purchase and install storage container for PC grounds.*

*Remove cemetery sheds.*

*General simple to achieve grounds/building improvements*

#### Building

Replace/repair warped MCPC sign by front door

Remove dated cigarette bin, replace with small sand bucket

Repair window

Paint/clean window frames

Paint plastered exterior walls

Brighten large wall spaces with artwork/murals



#### Grounds/cemetery

Remove cemetery shed and large insecure plastic shed

Remove old dog waste bins/signage/rubbish in the PC grounds

Remove remaining weeds and spray the gravelled areas to prevent return

Install secure storage container in PC grounds

Add trellis / planting to "soften" the container and make more pleasing to the eye

Add couple of planters by the front door / corners of the building with easy to maintain planting (suggest evergreen shrub with space around for bulbs/planting)

#### Requirements/labour/cost

Audit of what is stored in the cemetery sheds

Purchase of secure storage container for PC grounds

Skip hire for removal of cemetery shed and possibly large plastic shed, old signage/rubbish in the PC grounds and anything appropriate that could be removed from inside the building. Possibly Cllrs to volunteer, or hire someone to dismantle the sheds once audit is done and anything pertinent removed

Remove remaining weeds in PC grounds and spray

Hire tradesperson for repair/painting of windows

Purchase planters/trellis/planting

#### Potential community involvement

Approach the community (schools, Salmon's House, art group etc.) to provide village themed murals to be

painted on boards and fixed to larger blank areas of the building exterior. There could be a grand "mural unveiling"!

Ask local businesses/residents (there are several who

like to upcycle old pallets etc) to make/provide a couple

of planters for outside the building – with a small sign to thank them/promote their work.

## Medium Term Goals

*Further Grounds improvement to enhance the space, involve and be of benefit to the community*

### Grounds

Seating area

Raised beds/planters on the gravelled area with easy to maintain planting, perhaps a small community herb garden.

Wild turf area behind the building (next to fire door)

Install insect hotels, bat boxes, bird feeders with information about what they are / who they attract

Repaint information board

### Requirements/cost labour

All these things could easily be bought, but it would be much better

to engage the community in making the PC area more of a “hub” of the village.

Purchase of planting and wildflower seed/turf

Workshop hosts

Repainting of sign

Information signs about the insect hotels/planting/pollinators etc.

### Potential Community Involvement



Building a seating area/raised beds/planting up appropriately

Workshops to make insect hotels, bat boxes, raised bed

A small “experiment” to see whether any residents would make use of the herbs available and if anyone is prepared to help take care of them.

Signage thanking those who made it happen.

### Long Term – Dependent on how the previous two phases were received

*Create a space which the community want to visit, want to be part of, care about and feel engaged with*

### Grounds

Removal of gravel and weed membrane

Replace membrane and reinstate gravel, or lay to grass to make more of an enjoyable “garden space” for residents to enjoy.

Add more raised beds, potted fruit trees/bushes

### Potential Community Involvement

Helping to maintain the planting

Making use of the herbs/fruit trees

Hosting outdoor workshops

Enjoying the space!