

Briefing for Wickham Market Parish Council

Proposed location of the set restored by the Men's Shed

Agenda Item: FC23:79

1. Background

- 1.1. The seat from the corner of the playing field was recovered by the Men's Shed and has been restored at a cost of £237 for materials only.
- 1.2. The seat is now ready for installation

2. Location

- 2.1. There were two locations suggested:
 - 2.1.1. Against the West facing wall of the Village Hall where it is protected from traffic by the emergency exit railings. Benefits include:
 - Easy to install (just 4 bolts),
 - Readily visible, thus minimising possible vandalism,
 - Location currently popular for people to sit and rest in the south facing sunshine.
 - 2.1.2. Against the north fence of the children's play area, facing north to the football pitch. Benefits:
 - There is currently no seat there.
 - 2.1.3. Other considerations:
 - It is another obstacle for the grass cutting equipment to negotiate which may leave its surroundings untidy.
 - A concrete pad would be required to secure it and avoid excess vegetation growth beneath the seat.
 - It is closer to the youth hang out area and may be more likely to be abused.
 - It is a significantly more expensive option (currently awaiting an estimate)

3. E&L Committee Preference

- 3.1. The E&L committee's preference was the Children's play area location. However, this decision was made without full consideration of costs and effort.
- 3.2. Should this decision be ratified, three quotes would be required to get the best price for installation which drives an administration and organisation cost.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. To consider changing the E&L committee decision and opt for the simple, least cost installation position where the seat has maximum visibility.