



To: Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee

From: Sue Markides, Deputy Clerk

Date: 04 August 2021

Subject: Memorial Bench Scheme on NFDC owned land/Memorial Planter at Ashlett Creek

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To inform Councillors of requests made by Fawley Parish Council (FPC) residents to NFDC for memorial benches on the beach at Calshot and to advise of alternative suggestion.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That FPC does not instigate a memorial bench scheme at Calshot Beach.
2.2 That a memorial planter is instead installed on the green at Ashlett Creek.

3. Background and information

3.1 NFDC has advised that it owns very few benches situated on its own land.
3.2 Instead, memorial benches are funded by public donation to the local Parish Council who set their own donation level and carry out the placement and maintenance of the bench under a licence from NFDC (New Milton Town Council and Milford on Sea PC run this type of scheme).
3.3 NFDC further advise that they have recently received three requests for memorial benches at Calshot beach from FPC residents and that it would not be able to run a memorial bench scheme for this area as a stand alone location.
3.4 FPC believes one of the requests for a bench at Calshot may have originated from a request that was turned down for a bench at Ashlett Creek (location is full).
3.5 The Maintenance and Works Supervisor has come up with the idea of a memorial planter at Ashlett Creek as this would allow more plaques to be situated there and maintenance / regular checks could be completed at the same time as other work takes place on site.
3.6 If agreed the design and costs of a memorial planter could be brought to the next Estates and Facilities Committee meeting due to be held in October.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 Maintenance of benches on land at Calshot that does not belong to FPC would be time consuming and not cost effective.
4.2 To assist residents with a place within the parish for memorial plaques to be situated.