

Plumpton Parish Council



20 March 2017

Dear Resident

Bequest made by Wendy Kaill and Hope Good

You will, we hope, be aware that the late Wendy Kaill bequeathed the sum of approximately £35,000 to the village, payable on the death of her adoptive mother, Hope Good.

The Parish Council decided that this sum should be used to create a permanent memorial to these two ladies, rather than spend it on day-to-day maintenance expenses. This view was well publicised and received no objections.

Wendy and Hope had prime interests in youth and music, as well as Plumpton's great community spirit. Thus, a small working group was set up to find a suitable project that satisfied these prime objectives. After much research and deliberation, it was felt that a bandstand on the village green could achieve this, which the Parish Council endorsed, as reported in the January 2016 parish magazine.

The reasoning behind this decision is that a bandstand will:

- Provide an attractive feature on the village green for general enjoyment.
- Provide a feature for general use, for the appreciation of music at such events as village days, weddings, occasional musical presentations and other organised performances on the green.
- Establish a shelter for school children waiting for the school bus during term time, particularly in bad weather.
- Provide a meeting place for the young in bad weather so that they can socialise, but in full public view, thus minimising the possibilities for anti-social behaviour
- Provide a meeting place for other age groups, including the disabled, at times when shelter is needed.

The proposed siting of the bandstand (to the right of the village green, by the willows) is thought to be far enough away from neighbouring households to minimise any potential nuisance. An access path would be created from the road.

The working group and the Parish Council are writing to inform all residents of the proposal and invite their comments. The aim is to provide a village asset to enhance existing facilities and provide a permanent memorial to Wendy and Hope. It is hoped that you will agree that this is a practical and viable solution.

A design and quotation, well within budget, has been received from a company that has supplied attractive and durable street furniture in Haywards Heath, as well as throughout the UK. The pavilion will require minimal maintenance, and will incorporate disabled access, seating, a weathervane depicting the Plumpton sign and a plaque dedicating the structure to Wendy and Hope. It is four metres in diameter.

The Parish Council and the Working Group hope that you will be happy with this proposal. Please contact us with your comments by 10th April for discussion at the next parish council meeting on 11th April.

Please email: catherine.jackson@plumptonpc.co.uk or put your comments in writing to Cllr Catherine Jackson, 1 Strawlands, Plumpton Green BN7 3DB

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