

Agenda Item 11
Calne Without Parish Council
9th December 2019

Cllr Sue Baker

PLANTERS

1. The Project

There has been a suggestion that it would be pleasant to have, at the entrance to every village in CWPC, a trough/planter of seasonal flowers. This not only would be attractive it would also identify each village as being part of CWPC. Each trough could have CWPC either engraved or a simple plaque added. There was an allocation made in the 2019/20 budget for this project under Aesthetics of £2427.00.

I have attached a commercial description and cost, plus quotes from local artisans to give some idea. Calne Town have indicated informally that they would also quote for the ongoing planting and maintenance if the Parish Council wanted to go down this route.

Working on 2 to 3 per village for the following:

- Sandy Lane
- Derry Hill
- Studley
- Lower Compton
- Calstone
- Blacklands
- Stockley
- Broads Green
- Mile Elm

We could also include places like Fisher's Brook, Ratford, Pewsham and Black Dog? It may be nice for these communities to feel they belong.

2. Costs

Two local business have been asked to quote for providing the troughs the quotes based on the style of planter shown here

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Rowlinson-A058-Marberry-Rectangular-Planter/dp/B00AHCC82Y>

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Quote 1. from Alex at “theoakbloke”

I’ve looked at your images and have been able to price an item I can make based on the material I can get hold of. I’ll attach a picture so you can see.

The dimensions will be an estimate at this stage but just so you get an idea of size per unit.

- 1050mm Length
- 400mm Depth
- 300mm Height

Total cost for no.30 units will be £2255.00

Quotation is valid for 30 days

Example of the type of planter quoted for.



Quote 2. Greg Fowler

Greg Fowler who supplied the Parish noticeboards has also been asked to quote and has at this stage confirmed a similar cost is likely.

(The Clerk met a representative of “amberol” <https://amberol.co.uk> at a training conference last month, they supply Calne Town Council with “self-watering containers” and they would be happy to show you the options they can provide if you were interested.)

3. Maintenance

Maintenance of planters could be done by local residents if they volunteer or on contract by Calne Town Council or a company such as “plantscape” <https://www.tclgrp.co.uk/plantscape> or Idverde <https://www.idverde.co.uk> . Local companies or organisations could be offered the opportunity to adopt a planter.

Recommendation: That the Council set up a small Working Group to take this project forward with all Councillors providing suggested locations and any local contacts that may be interested in carrying out maintenance of the planters either as a community project or under contract. The final aim of the Working Group would be to gather enough information to make a detailed proposal to the Parish Council, using the project proposal guidelines, at the Parish Council’s meeting on the 10th February 2020.