

Hennock Parish Council meeting 14th February 2017 – agenda item 14: Entrance gates

- Elector Fund application made for £1580 (maximum amount) towards entrance gates for the three villages. Application made on the basis that gates would be purchased, painted, adapted and installed (excluded labour for installation) together with new signage at an estimated cost of £1700.
- Teignbridge District Council confirmed on the 14th February that TDC will be making a payment of £1580 towards the provision of traffic calming signage and gates in Hennock, Chudleigh Knighton and Teign Village as per the application.
- Since making the application, on Monday 30 January the Clerk and Chairman identified positions for entrance gates in Chudleigh Knighton and on Tuesday 31 January the Clerk met with a representative (Andy) of Glasdon who supply ready- made entrance gates. Below is a summary of the outcome of those meetings:
 - Glasdon's standard gateway (1.8m height – 1.3m above ground & 960mm width) would be suitable for the sites identified allowing for 0.5m gap between the sign and the carriageway as required by Devon County Council.
 - Prices for a white standard gateway at the above size range from c£314 – c£546 depending on the design/number of rungs.
 - The gateways are passive safety accredited, hollow, made of polyurethane, robust, vandal and weather resistant and require minimal maintenance. Whilst the cost is higher than buying wooden gates and adapting them (c£3000 against £1700 excluding installation costs), the safety benefits and lack of maintenance justifies the additional expenditure.
 - Most installers merely backfill them rather than concrete them in which means that if they are hit by a vehicle they are less likely to snap.
 - They are a DCC preferred gateway supplier (to be confirmed).
 - Normally come flat packed but can be pre-assembled at no additional cost.

Proposed sites:

Chudleigh Knighton Bovey Tracey to Chudleigh Knighton Road

- Just in front of Playground sign/second rumble strip from Bovey Tracey on both sides of the road i.e. 2 gates.
- Angled to give the impression the road is narrowing.
- Also add marker posts – 3 each side of the gateway on both sides of the road – 12 in total at a cost of c£22 each i.e. an additional c£260 to assist with traffic calming.

Chudleigh Knighton – entrance from Clay Pitts

- Approx. 100 yards from entrance to village on both sides of the road.
- Angled to give the impression the road is narrowing and this will allow room for the gate width as above.
- Also add marker posts – 3 each side of the gateway on both sides of the road – 12 in total at a cost of c£22 each i.e. an additional c£260 to assist with traffic calming.

Chudleigh Knighton - entrance from Chudleigh

- Opposite side of the road to Pitt Orchard entrance – one gate only.
- Angled to give the impression the road is narrowing.
- Could consider a taller gate to compensate for the fact that there is only one – perhaps 2.3m high (1.8m above the ground) – increase in cost averages £30.

Hennock village

- Right hand side as you approach Hennock from Dunley Cross on verge just after bend before Five Lanes.
- One gate only.

Teign Village

- Unable to identify a suitable location at the entrance to Teign Village.
- Considered locating at entrance to village near Play Park but there is not a suitable grass verge (the verge outside the house is probably privately owned and too narrow anyway)

Costs/funding

- Anticipated total cost of 6 entrance gates (at say £410 each) and 24 marker posts at say £22 each) in the order of c£3000.
- Installation costs not quantified – allow £500.
- Signage costs not quantified – allow £500.
- Elector Fund agreed: £1580
- Suggest difference of c£2500 (allowing for installation costs and the signage (to be sourced from preferred supplier)) funded from S106 monies.

Way forward

- Gain Council's agreement to the Clerk (in consultation with Cllrs Parker and Bridle) purchasing 6 entrance gates and 24 marker posts as detailed above subject to:
- The residual cost not met from the Elector Fund being funded from S106 monies.
- The Clerk being satisfied that Glasdon's products are good value for money by obtaining one other comparative price and liaising with Simon Pearson of DCC Highways.
- Agreement to the proposals from DCC Highways (Simon Pearson has agreed in principle).
- Installation by DCC contractors as recommended by Simon Pearson – DCC Highways.
- Gain Council's agreement to Clerk (in consultation with Cllrs Parker and Bridle) purchasing signage for the entrance gates from the Council's preferred supplier.

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Clerk

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