



## **CRESSWELL PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENTS OF GUIDANCE AND POLICY**

### **PUBLIC BENCH POLICY**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. All references to 'the Parish Council' or 'Cresswell Parish Council' in this document will include land as designated by the parish boundary.
- 1.2. From time to time, the Parish Council receives requests for permission from individuals or organisations wishing to have a dedicated public bench located within the Parish.
- 1.3. This document sets out the policy of the Parish Council regarding such requests and is effective from the date that it is adopted.
- 1.4. It supersedes any previous arrangements that may have existed, and any such arrangements made between the Parish Council, its tenants and / or other persons or organisations will cease to have effect from the date of adoption of this policy.

#### **2. Policy**

- 2.1. In general, the Parish Council would welcome the availability of public seating throughout the Parish. This policy is a 'Guidance' for use by the Parish Council.
- 2.2. Any proposal to 'install' a public bench must be presented to the Parish Council for consideration and approval.
- 2.3. Persons or organisations wishing to have a 'bench' installed must adhere to this policy and the following criteria:-

- the location of the bench is to be agreed prior to purchase
- the exact location is to be clearly marked and approved
- the type of bench to be installed must be agreed with Council in advance
- the purchase of and installation of the bench must be by the person or organisation themselves and NOT funded by Council unless agreed by Council in advance. The Council shall NOT be responsible for 3rd party Public installation or consequences of injury relating to the installation or future use.

2.4. Without specific permission from the Parish Council, no bench installation shall take place.

2.5. Permission may not be given by an individual Councillor nor by any tenant of land owned by the Parish Council.

2.6. All parties must abide by the terms and conditions of this policy.

2.7. The position of the council, as of the date of this policy, is that no further bench will be permitted within the Parish boundary.

2.8 At the date of this policy adopted the Council has agreed that there is limited location for the installation of another public bench and therefore forthwith a request shall be declined. This policy will remain in force until annual review or Council formally vote to amend this policy.

### 3. Contact

3.1. All enquiries and requests in the first instance should be made to the Parish Clerk.

3.1.1. Email: [Cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com)

3.1.2. Telephone: 07729100219

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