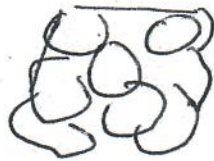


The top could be glued in place with water proof resin glue:

Body grooved to enable water to drain away incase of expected ice

Ceramic has, of course, a fragile structure & would be damaged easily, to minimise the risk, would use stoneware with silimnite fire clay mixture,

Structure to be fired to 1200°C in gas kiln





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Cllr. Glenna Favell,
The Mayor
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11th November 2020

Twinning Sundial Pedestal in the Lower Almonry Gardens

Dear Glenna,

Our President, Roy Calthorpe, has proposed creating a new pedestal for the sundial as the existing one has deteriorated and is losing its lower stones. The pedestal has been repaired several times over the years.

The first idea from Roy is as the enclosed design. This would be in ceramic in the style of a column with diagonal grooves inlaid with lettering, possibly symbols from the Bayeux Tapestry. A drawback with ceramic is that it can easily be damaged. With this in mind Roy has come up with another idea. He has a robust slate column that can be cut to size and utilised. As slate is relatively soft, engraving designs and lettering again from the Bayeux Tapestry could be done, without too much difficulty.

In either case it would have to be anchored into the ground securely as one would with a fence post. We would use something like a scaffold pole within the ceramic column, the void in the ceramic filled with concrete. A plate on the top fixed to the pole to make the whole secure. The sphere on its wooden plinth would be mounted onto this. With the slate column, a hole would be drilled through the centre to take the pole and likewise secured into the ground and likewise attached to the top.

The Twinning Association would fund the pedestal and base. We would only ask for the assistance from Council Staff for installation.

After this the planting could be changed around the base as you suggested and we could fund four new shrubs to replace the roses.

We ask for you to kindly put this proposal forward to the Council and appropriate bodies for permission before we would embark upon this project.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Bradshaw (Chairman) *Stephen* Suzanne Williams *Suzanne*

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