



Newcombes Meadow Benches Report

Report by: Town Clerk
To: Planning and Town Strategy Committee
Date: 30 March 2023

Recommendation

That the Planning and Town Strategy Committee consider the replacement of benches in Newcombes Meadow using S106 funds (as suggested by Mid Devon District Council (MDDC))

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider whether new benches should be purchased where they have been removed due to either lack of use or furniture reaching end of life.

2. Background

- 2.1 MDDC have removed benches from Newcombes Meadow further to either concerns regarding safety or following a usage audit.
- 2.2 MDDC have asked District Councillors for a steer on whether they require replacement but comments have not been forthcoming.
- 2.3 Complaints have been received regarding the removal of benches – both directly to the Town Clerk and MDDC.
- 2.4 Benches have been removed from the following locations:
 - wall of library facing bowling green (1)
 - plinths facing bowling green and library (2).



3. Proposals

- 3.1 That the committee agree that benches should be replaced by MDDC using S106 funds.
- 3.2 That the committee agrees installation in places where they have been removed.
- 3.3 That the committee considers any additional locations where benches may be required.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There is no direct cost to Crediton Town Council, but MDDC have advised a purchase of 25 benches from their approved supplier and installation would cost in the regions of £20,000.00.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 MDDC are responsible for street furniture in Newcombes Meadow, but would appreciate the views of the committee prior to any financial commitment.