

Report on the removal of bench on St Stephens Road

A local resident has informed me that the bench on St Stephens Road has been removed. This bench was located at the top of St Stephens Road/Long Park Road junction. The resident is concerned as this bench was well used, especially by elderly residents that have just walked up St Stephens Road from the town.

The Town Clerk has contacted the Town Council's Community Link Officer (CLO) who confirmed that the bench was removed for safety reasons as it was beyond significant repair. CLO has confirmed that there is currently no Cornwall Council funding to replace it, as the budget is focussed on critical issues.

I would like us to discuss the potential for STC to pay for a new bench out of our own budget. There are no other benches nearby for people to use instead.

See attached photos of the bench that once was.





The Town Council have previously purchased composite benches for Churchtown Cemetery in duck egg blue. However, duck egg blue is not currently available but a Teak finish is in stock.

'The Winawood three seater bench has been made from heavy duty plastic, making it strong and durable, while being easy to wipe clean. The material means it will never need to be treated, it will not warp and it will never let you down. The bench has been given an authentic teak wood effect finish with grain, making it an attractive feature for any garden or patio.'

Cost of Bench	£357.50+vat
Delivery	£5.00
Anti-theft fixings	£100+vat (approx.)

The above costs are not inclusive of expected labour.

Budget Code: 6504 SE Street Furniture (Maintenance)

Available Budget: £1,767

**End of report
Cllr Bullock**