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**Full Council Meeting
1 April 2021
FC130: Memorial Bench for Stephen Blanch**

1. Introduction

Stephen Blanch who served as a Councillor from June 2007 to April 2015 passed away in January 2021 after a long illness.

2. Approach

Three companies were recently approached for quotations for a recent memorial bench so these companies have been approached again.

3. Findings

Wealden Benches prices increased in January 2021 but they have retained last year's price for a repeat order.

Alexander Rose have offered competitive prices.

4. Costs

a) Wealden/Memorial Benches

2 seater extra heavy Great Maytham bench 120cm (3.9 ft) - £291.67

Brass plaque 5x2 - No charge up to 250 characters

UK Delivery: £29.13

Total: **£320.80 + VAT**



b) Alexander Rose Roble Premium Hardwood – 10 Year Warranty

104 Roble Broadfield Bench (4ft) - £234.00 + VAT

Brass Plate - £31.00 to include inscription 'In memory of Stephen Blanch who served Cuckfield Parish Council'

Delivery: Free of charge

Total: **£265.00 + VAT**



c) Alexander Rose Acacia Hardwood with painted finish – 3 Year Warranty

345S Sherwood St George Bench (5ft) - £174.00 +VAT

Brass Plate - £31.00 +VAT to include inscription #In memory of Stephen Blanch who served Cuckfield Parish Council'

Delivery: Free of charge

Total: **£205.00 + VAT**



5. Inscription in Arial font engraved on brass plaque:

In memory of Stephen Blanch who served Cuckfield Parish Council.

6. Location of Bench

An area opposite the west church entrance was suggested. This area would also make a useful seating area for anyone waiting to enter the church.



If the bench is located within the closed churchyard it is assumed permission from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) would be required. However, if the bench is placed within the cemetery area it is assumed PCC permission would not be required.

7. Recommendations

Committee members are requested to select a supplier, style of bench, and the wording of the inscription on the brass plaque. Committee members are also requested to approve where the bench should be located.

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