

Sent: 29 May 2018 16:02

To: Cllr Steve Tollett

Subject: Quick question

Hi Steve

Is this the survey you are referring to? done in 2010 with 28 replies (13% of the village)? I can't see any further results on the website.

Thanks

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Sent: 29 May 2018 13:32

To: ickleshampc@hotmail.co.uk; Cllr Steve Tollett

Subject: Rye Harbour Flagpole

Good afternoon both

I am writing regarding the ongoing works around the flag pole at Rye Harbour ... thank you for your time Steve on Saturday in explaining some of the plans and progress.

Whilst we wholeheartedly support the restoration of the pole, supplying the public with more information and the management of invasive plants and brambles we are still very unhappy with the proposed plans for bench seating, the installation of access paths and we are strongly opposed to the use of weedkillers in a such an area adjacent to the nature reserve and residents gardens. No one we know in the village is in support of this scheme, the only explanation is that the village wanted it 4 years ago and "this is the only place it can go" seems illogical.

Our concerns are that after the clearing of invasive plants this area has never looked more wonderful .. wildflowers have flourished and the whole area blends in beautifully within its surroundings.

Why do we need to "change" that and municipalise what is already perfect? It just seems unwanted, unnecessary and a waste of valuable parish funds. Could the parish council not work closer with Rother and the Environment agency to improve seating already in the village? the area overlooking the Rother is woefully neglected and could easily support more seating and accessibility (I believe this is Environment agency?) Ditto green spaces around the car park where visitors regularly picnic. There was a meeting last year on the 27th June which we understood was taking onboard residents objections as far as I can see no minutes from this meeting have ever been updated to the website. Please can you clarify?

I believe the issue of communication is one of the issues here .. there has been no communication of "the vision" for this area ... information is gleaned peace meal and after a nearly a year of no action we were hoping the matter had been shelved. Sadly not. As I understand it the survey of 4 years ago didn't ask residents if they wanted seating on this site ... only whether they wanted more seating ... in my view this is too vague and not strong enough opinion to go ahead.

I would appreciate it if the residents objections could once again be heard and listened to ... litter,

noise, anti social behaviour, discarded crockery and glasses, the spoiling of such beautiful area are just a few of the reasons we are opposed. The owner of Bosuns Bite has also expressed a view that “this would be a nightmare to manage and lead to more broken crockery”.

Please let me know if there are any further meetings planned or when and which meeting this is discussed? as this is not clear from the website information.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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