



# **CORFE MULLEN TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Street Furniture Policy**

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Street furniture can facilitate or encourage positive activity within the streetscape, such as seating or cycle stands. It can also be introduced e.g., guardrails and bollards, to prevent behaviour from occurring. As a rule, only essential street furniture shall be introduced into the streetscape.
- 1.2. Where an item of street furniture is used to prevent behaviour e.g., a bollard to stop vehicles from damaging a footpath, consideration should be given as to whether it can be fixed in a different way.
- 1.3. If new street furniture is necessary, consideration as to whether it can fulfil a dual function e.g., a bin could be located to also prevent vehicles from damaging a pavement so that a separate bollard is not required.
- 1.4. Wherever possible, removal of redundant items of street furniture will be carried out whilst undertaking a project in a specific area. Consideration should be given as to whether new items of street furniture be combined with existing street furniture to minimise additional clutter. This also applies to utility junction boxes.

## 2. Guidance

- 2.1. To ensure consistent quality and character the choice of street furniture for Corfe Mullen Town Council ('the Council') should reflect an agreed character type for the village, must be appropriate to the context and identity of its location, and the item must be agreed by the Council.
- 2.2. Ensure all new items of street furniture are recorded on the Council's Asset Register.
- 2.3. There should always be consideration for future maintenance implications of street furniture. All street furniture should be guaranteed to an industry standard of at least 5 years.
- 2.4. Damaged street furniture should be repaired, replaced or removed at the earliest opportunity and replaced with like for like where the Council agrees it is appropriate, and funding is allocated within the financial year budget.

## 3. Memorial Benches

- 3.1. Applications from individuals or organisations for the installation of memorial benches will be considered by the Council on a case-by-case basis. Benches will be of the designs specified in Appendix B and in accordance with the location it will be placed in.
- 3.2. A charge will be payable to cover the cost of the memorial bench, plaque if applicable, its installation and maintenance for the first year. The current charges are as follows, which are reviewed annually.

	<b>Bench A</b>	<b>Bench B</b>
New seat in new location	£2,000	£1,000

- 3.3. At the end of the first year, the Council will take on responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the memorial bench. At its end of life or sooner as a result of health & safety concerns, the memorial bench will be removed and disposed of. Council to liaise with the applicant, where possible to agree whether to replace, with a like for like bench.

- 3.4. Memorial benches are emotive; therefore consideration should be given to the applicant and their family of the bench when agreeing whether to remove from a location.
- 3.5. The Council will also consider requests to provide memorial benches at its own cost if there is clear community wide support for this.
- 3.6. The Council may also consider commemorative benches to be placed on its sites.
- 3.7. The placing of a memorial bench must be agreed by the Council and only benches as specified in Appendix B, with exception of commemorative benches to be installed as per Appendix A.

#### **4. Picnic Tables**

- 4.1. The Council provides three picnic tables within the Recreation Ground play area, all of which are made from recycled plastic.
- 4.2. The Council will consider requests for additional picnic tables to be installed on the same basis on its sites on a case-by-case basis where a clear need is demonstrated as part of any request.

#### **5. General Waste, Recycling and Dog Waste Bins**

- 5.1. The Council provides general waste bins on all its sites. In addition, it provides dog waste bins at the Recreation Ground.
- 5.2. Dog waste bins at Springdale Road Open Space and one dog bin and general waste bin at Towers Way Open Space are provided by Dorset Council.
- 5.3. To promote recycling, the Council will, when replacing general waste bins in the future, install dual-purpose bins where one part takes general waste, and the other part recyclable items.
- 5.4. The Council will consider whether to support requests made to Dorset Council Highways to provide additional general waste, dog bins or make representations where it agrees a removed bin should be reinstated.

#### **6. Pedestrian Guard Rails, Cycle Stands, Safety Barriers and Bollards**

- 6.1. The Council will consider requests for any such measures to be installed on its sites on a case-by-case basis where a clear need is demonstrated as part of any request.
- 6.2. For example, safety barriers on the footpath adjacent to Henbury View play area on Hillside Road to be installed by the Council during the 2024/25 financial year.

#### **7. Signage**

- 7.1. The Council has signage across all its sites to confirm ownership of land, the Byelaws, emergency contact information, health & safety of play areas and skate park, to name but a few.
- 7.2. Signs relating to Public Spaces Protection Orders are the responsibility of Dorset Council as the unitary and enforcement authority.

7.3. The Council will consider requests for additional signage to be installed across its sites on a case-by-case basis where a clear need is demonstrated as part of any request.

## **8. Street Lighting**

8.1. The Council maintains street lighting on Pine Road, Wayman Road and Towers Way outside the Village Hall and Council office along with car park lighting at the Recreation Ground.

8.2. The Council will consider requests for any such measures to be installed on its sites on a case-by-case basis where a clear community need is demonstrated as part of any request.

8.3. Any new lighting should be LED.

## **9. Disabled Parking Bays**

9.1. There are two disabled parking bays at the Recreation Ground car park, one outside the Scout & Guide huts and the other by the play area.

9.2. The Council will consider requests for any such measures to be installed on its sites on a case-by-case basis where a clear need is demonstrated as part of any request.

## **10. Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

10.1. The Council will consider requests for any such measures to be installed on its sites on a case-by-case basis where a clear need is demonstrated as part of any request.

## **11. Seating Planters**

11.1. Requests for the Council to install seating planters will not be supported.

## **12. Grit Bins**

12.1. The Council does not provide community grit bins in the Village. Community grit bins are replenished by Dorset Council Highways at the start of each winter free of charge.

12.2. Strategic grit bins owned by the Town Council are provided at the following locations and are replenished as part of Dorset Council's winter programme:

- One at Towers Way Public Car Park at the rear of the library
- Two on Hanham Road
- One on Highmoor Close, located in the cul-de-sac turning circle green space
- Two on Hillside Road at the junction with Wyatts Lane

12.3. Dorset Council as the Highways Authority are responsible for maintaining the highways, including any winter treatments it sees fit. Requests for siting of grit bin(s) and determining whether it's a community or strategic grit bin(s), are made by Dorset Council Highways.

## **13. Bus Shelters**

13.1. The Council is currently responsible for three bus shelters, one at Windgreen, one near the Lambs Green Inn on Wimborne Road and one on Wareham Road by the junction

with Corfe View Road. Requests for additional bus shelters will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

- 13.2. Should any requests be supported, the installation of a bus shelter would be subject to consultation by, and permission from, Dorset Council Highways. It is important to remember, not all bus stops are suitable for bus shelters, due to width restrictions or visibility issues.
- 13.3. Any new bus shelters should be consistent with those already in place and have the ability to be future proofed for digital timetables.
- 13.4. Living green roof bus shelters to be considered on a case-by-case basis dependant on the location.

#### **14. Review**

- 14.1. This Street Furniture Policy was presented to the Full Council, for approval and adoption on 26 March 2024, minute no. TC 23/274.
- 14.2. Future reviews will be carried out annually, when new street furniture is installed or when any changes are made to related legislation, whichever is sooner.

#### **15. References**

- 15.1. None.

## APPENDIX A

Town Council sites		
SITE	LOCATION	BENCH
Recreation Ground (whole site)	Off Badbury View Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3HU	B
Old Cemetery – includes Chapel, War Memorial and War Graves	Off Newtown Lane, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3EY	
New Cemetery	Off Newtown Lane, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3EY	B
Allotments	Broadmoor Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3RA	
Springdale Public Open Space (Managed from the area adjacent to Springdale Road up to Corfe Lodge Road)	Springdale Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3JT	
Henbury View Play Area	Hillside Road (adjacent to Henbury View First School, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3TR	B
Towers Way Play Area and Open Space	Off Towers Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3UA	B
Outside Village Hall and Council Offices	Off Towers Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 3UA	A

 Denotes memorial benches not suitable in these locations.

## APPENDIX B

**Bench A** - 3-seater Stanford™ seat (traditionally styled with 100% recycled cast aluminium ends and recycled material slats).



**Bench B** – 3-seater oak sleepers seat

