PORLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT – MEMORIAL BENCH PROVISION FOR THE CEMETERY

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Purpose of Report

This report summarises the research undertaken into suitable memorial benches for installation in the cemetery and recommends the preferred option.

Recommended Bench

Product: Wirksworth Commemorative Seat – TDP

Specification: TDP composite bench, 1,500 mm, including hard-ground anchoring kit

Price: £434.50 excluding VAT

£549.20 including VAT



Assessment

Following consideration of several benches that may be appropriate for the cemetery, the Wirksworth Commemorative Seat is considered the most suitable option.

The bench is made from composite material and should require little or no maintenance other than routine cleaning. It can be securely fixed to a solid base, such as a concrete plinth, and can accommodate memorial plaques.

Alternative Options Considered

Other options were assessed but were found to be less suitable. Glasdon benches were priced at more than £1,000, while other products were considered insufficiently robust or less versatile in relation to permanent installation and the attachment of memorial plaques.

Delivery Considerations

All options considered are supplied on a kerbside-delivery basis. A suitable person will therefore need to be available on site to receive the bench when it is delivered.

Installation

A quotation has been requested to create one new concrete slab and to install both benches, however, no response has been received yet. Alternative contractors will be explored.