

## APPENDIX 1 - MEMORIAL POLICY – PARKS & OPEN SPACES

### CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Any personal information has been removed from the comments

<u>Individual</u>
<p>I read with interest the Council's proposals in respect of memorials, outlined in a draft policy document on the Council's website. May I endorse the Council's proposal in respect of just allowing benches for military / ex-military personnel in Astley Park, respecting and reflecting the park's position as the town's War Memorial?</p>
<p>Just wondering whether the dog in the picture could be erased - it does not appear to be under control as per dog control order re footpath, or does that not apply to parks. Otherwise agree Astley Park memorials be restricted to war personnel.</p>
<p>It doesn't seem fluid enough to me, and I would wish to see lines such as - 'Chorley BC will try and facilitate every request made, but for example, we cannot have 100s of benches and no places to put them, so rather than decline a specific request CBC will try to suggest changing the memorial to some other aspect of work (gates, walls, trees, fences etc.) that is to be undertaken in that area or nearby. It is of course up to the donor whether they wish to accept this suggestion or not'.</p>
<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>1. (Line 3) change 'will' into 'may' as sounds less resistant, and add after every request...'in the format asked. However CBC would like to honour every request if able and thus will suggest to the donor alternatives (e.g. a wall, tree, fence, bridge etc., i.e. work which is in keeping with the advancement of the area) where the original idea cannot be accepted.'</p> <p>5. <b>ASTLEY PARK Other Memorial Items.</b> Delete 'no other memorial items are accepted within Astley Park' as this is not good or positive to say even if true. Input something along the lines of 'other memorials will be considered on merit and may be subject to alternative suggestions where the original request cannot be done.'</p> <p>You will understand that my belief is that in these expensive days with financial cut-backs everywhere CBC cannot afford to be too rigid and must take every opportunity to have any scheduled work subsidised where possible, especially where such a transaction suits both parties. I know that this inevitably means more work for CBC staff in coming up with suggestions and negotiating etc., with the donor, but any Manager and well run dept. must make the utmost of every possible advantage coming their way. As a resident and tax payer I would expect nothing less!</p>

I have been reading in the Citizen and norley Guardian respectively regards requests for memorials to loved ones.

[redacted] wife of the late [redacted] who passed away on [redacted] would also like to request that I also can place my husbands ashes and a boulder with a commemorative plaque in the grounds of Whittle memorial.

As my husband came from Whittle I would kindly ask your committee and yourself if I and my family and close friends could place the boulder along with his ashes amongst the shrubbery facing the road in grounds of the memorial.

I intend to place the ashes and boulder on his anniversary [redacted] I have communicated by telephone with the Whittle councillor [redacted], he advised he will put my request to your committee members.

I truly hope that this will not create a problem, I and my family will see to the upkeep of the memorial.

I await your permission with anticipation

<p><i>"The document seems fair in all but one area - Astley Park. Whilst I accept the connection with the war memorial, restricting the park to memorials connected with the armed forces is not, in my view, acceptable. There are many people who have grown up playing football, tennis, bowls, walking, cycling, etc., in the park - along with countless other memories of grandparents taking children for walks and feeding the ducks. Unless the park is to be turned over to nothing but a war memorial then I can't see how this restriction helps the people of Chorley - the park is used all year round, the war memorial is only one feature. A loss of life in the service of our country should be honoured and respected, but that loss of life means nothing if it restricts the rights of people back home. Memorials in Astley Park should be allowed for anyone, regardless of calling or background, whose memory is linked, by those left behind, with the park."</i></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Group / Organisation</u></b></p>
<p>Lower Burgh Meadows Conservation Group</p>	<p>The opinions of all members were :</p> <p>Regarding Benches, Are we going to see mass quantities of benches put in place which would deter from the natural look of the surroundings?</p> <p>Memorial Trees: Our group would encourage the planting of Memorial trees, native source, native grown in any area that does not in the long turn through heavily shading, lose the wild flower content of that area, i.e. beech tree planted to the north side of the small lodge.</p> <p>Ideas regarding memorial trees: Where old trees have fallen, leaving open spaces plant trees with a maturity height of 30ish feet, this would most certainly save on maintenance. Plant trees that produce good Nectar source and berries for wildlife.</p> <p>My idea: Kissing gate into the field where the sculptured deer is, take 20 yards off the field, create woodchip path and then you would have 20 by 100 yards to plant up.</p>
<p>Lancashire County Council</p>	<p>Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on your proposed policy. I think this is an excellent way of accommodating memorials within areas you have control over. I support the policy and welcome the district council's initiative particularly as it serves to provide an alternative to memorials being placed on the highway. Highway memorials can prove to be distracting to motorists and cause hazard to pedestrians and requests would be much safer and more appropriately located in recreational or reverential areas.</p>