

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
PLAQUE FOR OBELISK

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1.0 BACKGROUND

In 2020 the Town Council took adopted and renovated the area around the obelisk on Chelford Road as part of plans to make a gateway feature of the obelisk. In 2021 it undertook repairs to the obelisk.

The revealing of the obelisk has meant that more people are aware of its existence, although the history of it is not well known. In November 2020 the committee discounted the idea of installing an interpretation board on the opposite verge.

A resident living near the site has requested the committee consider installing a small sign near the base of the obelisk briefly explaining its history. They noted that a number of people view the obelisk and that they have had visitors call to ask what it is. The Town Clerk undertook to put the request to the committee.

2.0 OPTIONS

There are two options for a small sign which could be installed at the base of the obelisk on the green.

The first would be a small brass plaque mounted on a wooden backing board. This is similar to those used for commemorative trees. The cost of an A4 sized sign would be £200.

The second would be a cast aluminium plaque. This would be installed at the base of the obelisk and could feature the council's crest. This is a similar style to blue plaques and the same as the proposed replacement sign at the King Edward VII tree on the heath. The cost of this sign would be £450.

The sign would provide a summary of the historic interest of the obelisk.

3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should consider whether to install a small sign at the obelisk.