

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: 8th November 2021 **AGENDA ITEM: 12.2 Highways**

Report to Council

Dated: 3rd November 2021

Subject: Milestone Plaque

Report prepared by: Clerk – Mrs K Jones

Reason for report: To appraise members of the recent information concerning the milestone plaque

Members are requested to: Consider the facts below and agree the way forward

Members will recall that at the Council Meeting on the 21st June 2021 the proposed milestone plaque was discussed – See minute below: -

21.028 HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES

ii. Milestone Plaque: Following discussions it **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Buckley and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Bacon that the wording “for safe keeping” be changed to read “for conservation” and that a 12inch plaque would be the best size. **AGREED**. There were further discussion around the merits of adding an arrow on the plaque pointing to where the milestone had be relocated to along with the distance, but it was felt that this might be too much information for the size of the plaque. Council also noted that Volker highways will be installing the plaque (once tested and approved) on behalf of RBWM highways and that this cost will be met by the Parish Council.

The Clerk has been working with the DVS to obtain the correct permissions for the plaque from the Borough and during this it has come to light that any claims/repairs or replacements which may be needed, would be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

This information was not known at the time of the June meeting, where it was assumed that all that was required would be to approve the wording and pay for installation and the plaque would then be part of RBWM Highways responsibility, but this now appears not to be the case

Before Council proceeds any further with this member’s need to understand the implications for the Council, especially that any claims will be the Parish Councils responsibility, and agree how they wish to proceed.
