

CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



Committee Meeting Report

Item 17: Replacement Noticeboard at Whitemans Green

Background

The Council's noticeboard at Whitemans Green has been in a poor state of repair for some time now; the bottom hinge is broken, the plexiglass does not fit tight to the frame and the backing material is curling badly, all of which make it difficult a) to open and b) to insert items for display. Additionally, because it is not water-tight items on display get damp. Finally, the cabinet is not lockable, so anyone that has a mind to put their own private ads or posters in the display can do so without asking anyone.

The requirements for a replacement are as follows:

- Dimensions: a replacement would need to be a similar size to the current board which is 102.5cm x 117.5 cm (40" x 46"). The closest metric size is A0 (ie. 16 x A4 sheets); alternatively, we could consider a 15 x A4 sheet size;
- It should have a lock and at least 2 keys;
- It could be magnetic or pin-board (the current board is a pin-board but the board at the Village Hall is magnetic); and,
- It should be vandal resistant.

Suggestions

I have considered five options, all of which meet the criteria outlined above. These prices represent the basic noticeboard, in an aluminium finish – most can be customised to include toughened glass, etc. though this will obviously increase the cost. I have listed them in descending order by price:

Noticeboard Company: https://www.noticeboardcompany.com/products/tradition-30-dual-door-external-notice-board-with-header.html (12x A4)	£385 + VAT
GreenBarnes: AF58 aluminium noticeboard (A0)	£352.35 + VAT
Boards Direct: Scritto Outdoor Lockable Drywipe Noticeboard SCT (15 x A4)	£344.92 + VAT
XL Displays: Secure Lockable External Notice Board (A0)	£316 + VAT
GP Signs: Classic Lockable Notice Boards SILVER (A0)	£99 + VAT

Note: Shipping costs vary from FREE (Boards Direct) to £45 (GreenBarnes); all others are approximately £10.00.

Alternatively we could consider replacing with an oak board, which includes Cuckfield Parish Council's name on the board. Here are some examples, based on the same sizing above:

Noticeboard Company: https://www.noticeboardcompany.com/products/oak-external-lockable-notice-board.html#undefined2 (holds 8 x A4 sheets)	£1,459 + VAT
GreenBarnes: https://www.greenbarnes.co.uk/shop/external-noticeboards/2-bay-6-x-a4-oak-noticeboard-ref-d6a4p-o/ (holds 12 x A4 sheets)	£1,462.53 + VAT
Earth Anchors: https://www.earth-anchors.com/Outdoor-Notice-Information-and-Interpretation-boards#!/1000-dual-door-12-x-A4-1050mm-h-x-1200mm-w-x-75mm-d/p/136142283/category=20528874 (12 x A4) Not Oak, but with Cuckfield Parish Council header board. Can be finished in different colours.	£836 + VAT

Remarks/Recommendation

On the face of it the choice is simple – the *GP Signs* option is about a third the price of the others. It is a pin-board style and *GP Signs* suggest *Blu-Tak* or flat headed drawing pins to display messages or notices. It claims to be shatter resistant, weather resistant and vandal resistant.

However, in terms of having a more attractive noticeboard I would suggest the Green Barnes Oak noticeboard, with the Parish Council name above. Green Barnes are recommended and appear to be well used by other Parish Councils.

Regarding budget, there is £2,000 allocated for the Burgess Hill Town Council partnership scheme; however, they are no longer performing the partnership role so this does release these funds which could be used to purchase and install a new noticeboard.