

Council meeting:	21 st March 2024	Agenda item:	24/038.a
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In March 2022 the council accepted the generous offer by Alan and Joyce Osborn to fund a wildlife information board by the pond (22/051.e).

Cllrs Smith and Spanswick have been liaising with the Osborn's and propose the following:

Two quotes were obtained for a lectern and graphic design from [Landmark](#) and [DAB Graphics](#). As the Osborn's have agreed to fund the full cost of the sign and no public funds are involved, technically no competitive quotes are required, but the preferred solution from DAB Graphics at £2,271.50 plus VAT is also £500 cheaper than the Landmark alternative.



The recommended lectern is an A0 size (visible area 1165mm x 817mm) framed oak on two legs with cross beam and cantilevered support. The quote doesn't include installation but it is believed that this could be carried out with support by the Village Warden.



The board is to be located by the side of the pond as indicated in red opposite.

The style of graphics will be as below tailored to the wildlife seen in the pond.



As the Council owns The Green we don't need permission to erect information signage on Common Land¹ and under s29 of the Commons Act 1876 and s 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 we are allowed to erect anything which is for the better enjoyment of a Village Green's proper purpose² which I believe this signage to be.

The proposal is recommended.

¹ [Carrying out works on common land - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

² [Village Greens: Protecting village greens - Open Spaces Society \(oss.org.uk\)](http://oss.org.uk)