

Public Realm Project Menheniot Village

There are parts of the village considered in the Menheniot Neighbourhood Development Plan to be areas of public realms, or areas that contribute and add to the general well being of the community. The NDP recognises that these areas need to be maintained and improved so they continue to serve their function particular if they act as a focal / meeting point or contribute to the social fabric of the community.

The area in front of the shop which serves as the location of a phone box, post box , Parish Council and Community notice boards, is considered as one of those areas.

The surface of the area has been repeatedly cut into by Openreach to access the distribution boxes that were also located there. This has left the surface less than satisfactory with trip hazards and unsightly. The asphalt is broken in some parts . The railings to the side which act as a safety railing are corroded and in need of repair and overhaul.

Searches of the Land Registry show the land is not registered with either adjoining property and enquiries of Cornwall Council and the Highway Trust confirm that the land is not their responsibility. It is therefore appropriate that the Parish Council initiate the maintenance work.

Quotations from local contractors for the railing repair and resurfacing amount to £2025 (resurfacing £1800 and railing repairs £225) the lead in time can be in a few weeks. There is no VAT payable.

Cllr Smith has donated £500 from his Community Grant budget and Gary Walters has offered to share the remainder of the costs with the Parish Council. The Community Grant for this current year has sufficient remaining (£1150) to reallocate to fund this donation.

It is proposed that the costs are apportioned as follows;

Community Grant £500

Community Grant from MPC £760

Donation from Gary Walters £765.

And that Purchase orders are placed for a start as soon as possible.