

REPORT TO:	SWADLINCOTE TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE LOTTERY BOARD MEETING	AGENDA ITEM: 5 DIANA GARDEN – PROGRESS UPDATE
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Diana Garden - progress update

- 19th June – construction work began on site with the predicted completion date of the 14th September;
- August - Private donation received from Terjinder Purewall of £5,700 towards two benches (original bench changed slightly) and the engraving of two plaques to be positioned on the two benches – (in memory of Councillor Roy Nut who had connections with the garden) and also funding an engraved timeline on the circular timber bench. Councillor Roy Nut was Chairman in 1981 and dedicated the gardens alongside Princess Ann);
- Engraved timeline added to circular timber bench – engraved on the backrest panels – see Appendices 5 and 6 for the timeline text and example image of seat.
- The predicted completion date is now 31st January 2018 (subject to weather conditions). The amended timetable of works is attached as Appendix 1.
- There are three main reasons for the amended completion date: delay in ordering the granite copings; amendments to blue brick planter corners; change in bench style and addition of an engraved timeline to the circular bench (see update report on the delays in Appendix 4);
- **Financial summary**
 - the extra costs since the start of the works in June presently reach a total of **£10,137.40**
 - There have also been items that have been omitted or reduced, these presently stand at **£7,879.83**

- The increase is therefore **£2,257.57**
- This means that the original contract sum of £94,579.36 has now increased to **£96,836.93**
- The total SDDC budget for the project presently stands at **£106,855.93**.
- at present, there is just one item to be added to this budget – two granite plinths to position the original plaques on, set within the raised beds – see Appendices 2 and 3 for further details – we are still awaiting the quote for these plinths – the plinths were originally going to be located on the planter walls, but this is now not possible for both of them, hence the solution of mounting on plinths within the planters);
- The costs mentioned above were discussed at a meeting between the contractor, landscape architect and Richard Shaw and Tony Sylvester on the 3rd October – during the discussions, we managed to negotiate the extra costs down – removing an extra charge for the fixing of the circular tree seat of £3150 and removing any charges for the fitting of the blue brick specials (£700).
- At this present time the contractors have completed the topsoil laying, bulb planting and grass seeding and intend to return to site in December as detailed on the timetable. It has been confirmed that the critical materials of the blue bricks, benches and the granite have been ordered in early October.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – revised timetable of works

Appendix 2 – Plan showing details of the re-located plaques

Appendix 3 – Plan showing construction information and image of granite plinth for the plaques

Appendix 4 – update report on delays to construction works

Appendix 5 – Timeline text for engraved circular bench

Appendix 6 - images of engraved circular bench