

FELPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Platinum Blue Plaque Heritage Trail Policy

Background

History shows that Felpham has had some famous residents. One of the recognised ways of identifying this is to erect or place a “Blue Plaque” at, or as near as possible, to the site where this person lived.

Councils intention

Felpham Parish Council (FPC) is committed to promoting the economic strength and historic value of the village. Blue Plaques are one way this can be promoted, also encouraging tourism to the village.

Blue Plaques

Any recommendation for a Felpham resident to be commemorated by the award of a Blue Plaque, requires a significant amount of research to determine that individual's history and suitability for such an award. Other village groups may be helpful in supporting or providing information to support the application. If the recommendation is from other than FPC then the application, supported by the research must be presented to the council for approval before any further action is taken.

The position of the Blue Plaque will be agreed between all involved parties, and where this involves a property holder, they must also be in agreement of a Blue Plaque being erected or positioned on their property. Any new owner of the property must be made aware of the presence of the Blue Plaque and their responsibilities.

Blue Plaques will normally be purchased (fully or partially) by the applicant, although if it is a joint venture costs can be shared.

The Blue Plaque will normally be made of aluminium, this can be upgraded to ceramic if additionally funded by a third party.

The size of the plaque will be the recommended size of 18” (457mm).

The installation will form part of the application and will require those responsible for the installation to be competent at performing this task and to have the necessary insurances.

The plaque must, where practicable, be placed to allow ease of access for cleaning and maintenance. If it is positioned on someone’s property, then agreement must be reached, as part of the application, about allowing access and the responsibilities of cleaning/maintaining the plaque.

Should a replacement plaque be needed, the circumstances surrounding why such replacement is needed will be taken into consideration in determining who should pay for a replacement.

The council will have a light touch approach to publicising any plaques within the village i.e council website other relevant websites, with possible hardcopy publicity when the plaque is unveiled.

Council’s commitment

This policy is supported by the Project Committee of behalf of Felpham Parish Council.