

Agenda Item 12 – Memorial Tree

Dear Sirs /Madam

Please forgive the long email

We currently reside at number XXXXX, Oakhurst, Swindon. We have been in Oakhurst for the last 18 years and have very much enjoyed it here. Unfortunately 2 years ago we lost our daughter Megan who was 21 years old. She took her own life after struggling severely with acute mental health issues.

As you can appreciate prior to her passing the family endured a difficult time in caring for Megan and her struggles. She was a courageous girl who saw the good in everything. She had a great fondness for Japanese culture and was hoping to travel to Japan to witness the pink blossoms for which Japan is famous for. Unfortunately Megan's dream was never fulfilled.

The last two years has been difficult for our family in coming to terms with Megan passing but we would wish to remember the good times we had when she was here with us.

With that we would like if it was possible to plant a small cherry tree on the green outside our house. The green is located as shown on the attached photos. We would suggest the location of the proposed cherry be adjacent to another tree that has recently been removed due to storm damage. We would follow the parish council's guidance on the actual location if permission was granted and we would obviously purchase and plant the tree and maintain it along with the grass around it so that the grass mowing teams are not inconvenienced.

It would be nice to have something to remember Megan by and that every spring we would witness the pink blossom of which she was so very fond of and that it would provide a wellness for the immediate community (Boosting the mood!) In addition we would contact all the residence of Soyuz Crescent and Stardust Crescent that face onto the green to see if anyone would object in which case we would respect their views and not proceed.

We would be eternally grateful if this was something that the parish council would consider as a possibility. We would obviously respect any decision that is made be it positive or negative.

We would be grateful if this request is passed onto the relevant parties for consideration. We are happy to meet with any of your officers to discuss this if required, be it here or at the parish offices.

We look forward to your reply

Yours gratefully

Anomolised Resident