

Report on Seats

Purpose: to provide a report on condition of seats located on Mill Street section running towards Mill Dam Cottage.

Recommendation: That Council considers whether to take over ownership of the seats and if so:

Seeks permission from the landowner to continue to locate a seat in this area.

Seeks a quote to repair and refurbish the seat closest to Wem Mill and removes the 2nd seat due its poor condition.

If permission is given to continue to locate a seat in this area an application is made to The Barber Trust for the refurbishment of the seat.

The Council undertakes an Inventory of town seats.

Background

There are two seats located on the track from Mill Street to Mill Dam Cottages.

It is assumed that these seats were put in during the time of Wem Urban District Council prior to 1974 when NSDC was formed. Both seats are in poor condition and in need of repair as shown in the photographs. The seats are on private land adjacent to the River Roden on a very narrow stretch of the path. One of the seats is mounted on a concrete plinth that is reusable the other seat has sunken into the plinth and is beyond repair. A landowner in the area has contacted the Town Council concerned about the condition of the seat and questioning if there is permission for them to be located on private land. There is also some question about who the actual landowner is.

The Town Council's asset register does not list specific seats under the ownership of Wem Town Council and it merely states seats - various sites around Wem.

The seat nearest Wem Mill

This seat is in the best condition with a couple of metal slats missing from the seat section, which could be repaired but the concrete plinth is in very poor condition



Seat Furthest from the Mill

This seat is in very poor condition and should be removed, if it can be removed without any further damage it could possibly be subject to a grant application to The Barber Trust to renovate it.

