

## **Contribution Towards Freshford Station Replacement Sign**

### 1. Proposal

To consider making a contribution towards a replacement 'Freshford Station' sign.

### 2. Background

At the last meeting the Parish Council agreed to replace the 'Freshford' sign on the far platform with a replica sign, with all costs being funded by GWR.

It's since come to light that costs will exceed the initial estimate that GWR had agreed to fund and the Parish Council is therefore being asked to contribute to the costs of a new sign (see email below). GWR may be able to offer some additional funding and Cllr Butters is looking into funding.

It's stated that GWR had agreed to cover costs of £786, but that final costs, including installation and delivery may now be around £2000.

It's suggested that the Parish Council contribute in the region of £650, approximately a third of the expected total cost.

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**From:** Ann Jenner <[Ann.Jenner@gwr.com](mailto:Ann.Jenner@gwr.com)>

**Sent:** 23 September 2021 11:53

**Subject:** RE: Freshford Sign

Good Morning John

Many thanks for your email and acceptance of the funding to cover the cost of for a new enamel sign.

I have also received a revised quote for the sign from Neil. The original quote was for £786 and this is the amount that GWR was happy to cover.

The revised quote now includes a sum of £557 for a new wooden backing board and a development and delivery cost of £278. So the revised total now comes to £1624.

I am also in the process of obtaining a quote from SISK to instal the new sign as this will also need to be factored into the final cost which I guesstimate will be in the region of c£2k.

It would appear then that we may have a shortfall of around £1200 to cover. Whilst GWR may be able to assist with some additional funding, I wondered whether there were any other funding sources available which could also contribute?

I will wait to hear from you.

Many thanks

Ann

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