

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE  
CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup>. JULY 2019.**

**ATTENDANCE** Councillor – M. Ahmad, M.T. Bowen, H.R. Jennings, G. W. Salt, Mrs. L. M. Salt and S.Scalise.

**APOLOGIES** No apologies for absence were received.

**1003 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Scalise proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Ahmad, was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

**1004 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor G.W. Salt, proposed by Councillor Ahmad and seconded by Councillor Jennings, was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

**1005 MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup>. February 2019, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**1006 MATTERS ARISING**

**Re: Min. 996. Correspondence** Councillor Bowen reported that the grammar wasn't correct he was not unable should be changed to unable or not able. The Clerk noted this.

**1007 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence read.

**1008 UPDATE ON BENCH – ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that as yet she had made no contact with the relatives of the memorial bench but as they now require 3 benches, she had examples of several recycled plastic styles from various companies. Marmax would give a 10% discount on ordering 3 and half the delivery charge. It was proposed by Councillor Bowen to go with the Traditional Design in brown and see if the Clerk could negotiate a better discount if a 4<sup>th</sup> bench is purchased and this was seconded by Councillor Jennings. The Clerk would approach Marmax for a better deal.

**1009 MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE – ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from one of the relatives asking if the ivy could be cut back on the wall. She showed a photograph and had already arranged for the handyman to do this.

**1010 ANY WORKS REQUIRED – ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that as the gate had now been painted on the main road and there was some paint left that it would be a good idea to ask Ken to paint the other gates to finish off which all agreed to be an excellent idea.

The Clerk also reported that Richard the handyman had asked about a trade waste bin for the cemetery as the two domestic bins are regularly overflowing. It was agreed that the Clerk get a price from SMDC for a bin and come back with costings.

**1011 DONATION FROM ST. EDWARDS PARK RESIDENTS – ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND**

After the inspection of the Burial Ground earlier it was suggested that the £50 donation be used to plant up the centre of the mini roundabout at the entrance. To leave it to them to design and plant and if further funds required that the Council match the donation.

**1012 ANY WORKS REQUIRED – ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND**

Councillor Scalise reported that after the inspection prior to the meeting that a 3-year plan be funded to tidy up the whole area. Starting with asking Steve Massey looking at all the trees and reporting on any works required as there is TPO on the whole area. Possibility of removing some of the trees and lifting the crown of some of the older trees to make it easier to walk through and look well kept. It was also suggested that as part of the plan maybe an information board with more details of the site and possibly names of those buried. Councillor Jennings is interesting in finding out if any military are buried in the grounds. Councillor Mrs. Salt also asked that could the list of people be attached to the website which the Clerk will look at doing.

**1013 MOLES – CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from a relative who is concerned about moles in the cemetery disturbing the graves. The Clerk reported that the area had been treated by AJ Environmental this year so just wanted to report to members of her concerns.

**1014 REGULATIONS OF CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that there had been a discussion on Cheddleton Chat Facebook page concerning the regulations with regards to artificial flowers. There was some confusion as the issue was mainly with the Church graveyard and not the Lawn Cemetery. The issue being that the Church rules state no artificial flowers as Lichfield Diocese have stricter rules. The Clerk had hopefully helped to clear the this up and that the Parish Council is only responsible for the Lawn Cemetery. She also pointed out that the current regulations have no reference to Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery just ST. Edwards Lawn Cemetery so will rectify this. Councillor Bowen also mentioned he had been approached by Nettlebank about the restriction on headstones in the regulations but that this had been in place for many years to enforce regularity of all graves. The Clerk would contact them stating that the regulations are set out and reasons why.

**1015 SIGNAGE – CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that this had also come up as part of the discussion on Cheddleton Chat Facebook page that the signage for the bin isn't very clear. She provided photos of the current signage and it was agreed that it needed to be replaced as for one thing Jackie's name is still on it. It also needs to be made clear which part of the cemetery is controlled by the Parish Council. It was agreed she get a quote to replace the signs in keeping with other areas that the Parish Council manage/own.

**1016 ANY WORKS REQUIRED – CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY**

Councillor Bowen reported the hedge would need cutting soon by Jim and he also stated that the maintenance men who have been working in the Church graveyard need to be more respectful as he had observed them using bad language whilst working and he would report this to SMDC as being inappropriate.

**1017 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS**

None were raised.

Chairman.

8<sup>th</sup>. October 2019.