

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY 9th. JULY 2024.

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Mrs. V.B. Cornes.
Vice-Chairman - M.P. Worthington.

Councillors - M. Ahmad, M.F. Cunningham, and Mrs. C.A. Lovatt.
Clerk - Mrs. L. J. Green.

1. APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Councillor Miss V.L. Salt and it was resolved to accept these.
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13th. FEBRUARY 2024 - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
3. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM - No matters arising.
4. CORRESPONDENCE: - No Correspondence.
5. REVIEW OF BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS/ PURCHASE OF PLOTS IN ADVANCE - The Clerk had circulated the regulations and recommended that there are no changes required. Councillor Ahmad had requested that we allow the purchase of plots in advance. The Clerk explained that when the cemetery first was created the Council allowed some plots to be reserved, and this left empty spaces within rows. The decision was made as it is a Lawn Cemetery to allocate on application for burial to make it more uniform. This also means that the reserved plots were purchased at a much cheaper rate than those purchased today. Councillor Ahmad suggested creating a separate area for families. After some discussion it was decided to look at what is the best way to administer and charge. Look at the charges over the last 10 years and maybe charge double fees for a plot purchased in advance and look at what other cemeteries charge and do. Look at introducing an annual maintenance charge whilst it remains empty. This can be investigated and discussed at the next meeting.
6. UPDATE FROM RISK ASSESSMENTS - WORKS CARRIED OUT - The Clerk reported on Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery that we spoke to Robert Gibson, on the day of the assessment to tidy the water tap area and the arch as you enter the cemetery. The handyman was allocated the job of tidying the oak bench and trip hazard of the stones as you enter the cemetery. New sign installed about uneven surface.
The Asylum Burial ground tree works have been completed. Steve Massey has been asked about checking the TPO trees on Wall Lane Terrace. A trip hazard of tree root on the pathway has been reported to the handyman to remove it. The memorial on the roundabout is still there and looking a bit of a mess so will ask the handyman to tidy it up.
St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery trees reported to Steve Massey with regards to cables becoming an issue. The extra signage has been installed about the bad bend. The memorial safety check I have contacted the Diocese for permission via a faculty as it is consecrated, we must apply as instructed by AES that this is required.
7. QUOTE FOR REMOVAL OF EXCESS SOIL - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY - The Clerk reported that a quote to remove the soil off site which is in the region of £1645. Several quotes received for keeping the soil on site vary from £1300 right up to £7260. On further discussion and information given to members with regards to removal of soil off site.

A management plan needs to be in place for the waste whether this be on or off site and must be in place. Councillor Ahmad asked if members are happy to leave it with him to look at the area and produce a plan. We could use a skip onsite for future waste but need to sort the built-up excess before. The gravedigger must take some responsibility for removal as he is charging the plot holder for digging the grave. The Clerk will look at the management plan.

8. **MEMORIAL SAFETY CHECKS - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Diocese have been contacted to get these checked.
9. **WORKS REQUIRED FOR ACCESSIBILITY - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY**
- The Clerk asked for some quotes for a disabled access path from the gate to the other side of the cemetery ranging from £10,940 to £13,400 so this will need to be funded over a period and so the £500 reserve will only be a small contribution. The Clerk could investigate funding for accessibility grants and look at Endon Cemetery.
10. **LEGACY EAR-MARKED RESERVE VERA HEATH - £500 - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - This funding could be used for the access works for the cemetery.
11. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - No other works required other than those previously discussed.
12. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - The Clerk will ask Pip to quote to remove the moss off the path and clean the gates and bench.
13. **QUOTE FOR 2 HEADSTONES TO BE MADE SAFE - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk has requested a couple of quotes for works to be carried out from stonemasons. Notices have been placed on the headstones for families to contact us.
14. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - No further works required other than those previously discussed.
15. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No items raised.

15th.October 2024
Chairman