

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN MEETING ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON THURSDAY 11th. JULY 2023.

ATTENDANCE Councillors - M. Ahmad, Mrs. V. Cornes, M. F. Cunningham, Mrs. C.A. Lovatt, M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre and one member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES** - No apologies were received.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** - Councillor Mrs. Cornes, proposed by Councillor Worthington and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lovatt, therefore Councillor Mrs. Cornes was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing two years.
3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN** - Councillor Worthington, proposed by Councillor Mrs. Cornes and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lovatt, therefore Councillor Worthington was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing two years.
4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER - MR. R. RICHARDS** - Formally noted that he is no longer a member of this committee and proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to him.
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27th. OCTOBER 2022** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters arising.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
8. **REVIEW OF RULES & REGULATIONS** - The Clerk reported that the version from Staffordshire Moorlands and it was agreed that our regulations are more than adequate so no need to amend it any further.
9. **REQUEST TO PLANT CHERRY TREE AS MEMORIAL/INSTALLATION OF BENCHES** - The Clerk had received a request to plant a cherry tree, and this would have to be on the outskirts of the cemetery. Councillor Ahmad proposed and seconded by Mrs. Lovatt to allow this where the Clerk feels is the best position. The Clerk reported that there are three benches to be installed and will be dealt with over the coming month.
10. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that Basil has now been asked to level out the soil along the wall which was highlighted at Full Council by a resident. The weedkiller has also been addressed and Mr. Gibson has been told not to do that in the future. The Clerk also reported that markers had been suggested on graves which have no headstone/memorial. There are versions used by other authorities and the clerk showed a slate marker to members who agreed it would be ideal as a plot marker to show it has been used. As it is a small cost for the markers of £15.99 for ten it was agreed that this would be in keeping.
11. **ASYLUM BURIAL RECORDS/HOSPITAL RESIDENTS** - Councillor Mrs. Lovatt has done over half of the records and continues to create a spreadsheet to list all occupants 1389. There are plaques in St. Edwards church which were from the Chapel at the Asylum.

12. **REVIEW OF ASYLUM BURIAL GROUNDS GRASS CUTTING ETC** - The Clerk reported that Pip is doing a very good job so continues to look after the grass cutting. The Clerk reported that the memorial has been re-lettered by the handyman and will be moved to the center of the roundabout and will ask Pip to plant it up.
13. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - No further works required.
14. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported she has received complaints about bare areas of grass which Mr. Gibson has been asked to re-seed. Notice about the uneven ground needs to be put up as a disclaimer.
15. **ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENTS - ALL 3 CEMETERIES** - The Clerk has circulated the previous risk assessment and needs to be conducted again. The Clerk will arrange and meet with the Chair and anyone who wishes to attend.
16. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - Works on the path at Asylum Burial Ground - Quotes required and funding available.

Chairman

10th. October 2023.