

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN MEETING ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY 13th. FEBRUARY 2024.

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Mrs. V.B. Cornes.

Councillors - M. Ahmad, M.F. Cunningham, and Mrs. C.A. Lovatt.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

33. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor Miss V.L. Salt and M.P. Worthington, and it was resolved to accept these.
34. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th. DECEMBER 2023** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
35. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters arising.
36. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
37. **SET DATE FOR SITE VISITS FOR ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENTS - ALL CEMETERIES** - The Clerk has shared the previous assessments from 2022 for St. Edward's Lawn Cemetery and The Asylum Burial Ground but Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery needs to be done first and agreed May 2024 over two days. Councillors Mrs. Lovatt and Cornes agreed to help.
38. **REVIEW OF SIGNS - ALL CEMETERIES** - The Clerk circulated signs for all 3 cemeteries and reviewed them as discussed at Full Council after the reports of items being removed. St. Edward's Lawn Cemetery it was felt they are more than adequate as there is a sign about items on graves, No Dogs, Opening Hours & Uneven grounds. The Asylum Burial Ground there are warning signs about the uneven path at each end on the gates. There is only one sign requesting No Dogs which could be replaced and another one at the front gates. All agreed as most people access through the double gates. Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery has one sign with regards to it being separate from the Church Graveyard and it was agreed that it is adequate.
39. **QUOTE TO CLEAR THE CARPARK ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that Pip has cleaned the street signs on St Edward's Park Estate including the cemetery signs. He has quoted to clear the enclosed carpark of leaves and moss at St. Edward's Lawn Cemetery for £80. All agreed that it needs to be done.
40. **WORKS REQUIRED FOR ACCESSIBILITY - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk suggested that when the Risk Assessments are conducted, we formulate a plan for the access but that all members please have a look at making accessibility better between the graves.
41. **LEGACY EAR-MARKED RESERVE VERA HEATH - £500 - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - This funding could be used for the access works for the cemetery.

42. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that today she had received a telephone call about another grave which has sunk leaving a hole. There seems to be a few now particularly on Row 4 which require some additional soil to avoid trip hazards. The gravedigger Basil has been consulted and stated that the wet weather is not helping so Steve the handyman has filled the graves with additional soil which will require grass seed when the levels have settled. All plots affected have been recorded.
The Clerk reported that there is quite a bit of excess soil which has been left under the hedgerow and between the trees. This needs to be thought about as to where we store excess soil which Basil has stated that it used to be stored at the bottom of the field, but this is now let separately. We need to plan where we store the soil and if we are allowed to remove it off site. As part of the risk assessment, we will look at the best solution and the Clerk will check legislation.
43. **ASYLUM BURIAL RECORDS** - Councillor Mrs. Lovatt has done 1,254 records and continues to create a spreadsheet to list all occupants 1,389 so this will be available soon for people to search for relatives although the graves are unmarked.
44. **IMPROVE FOOTPATH - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - The Clerk reported that the path is very uneven caused by roots showing through from the trees that line the path and covered in moss. But overall, since the trees have been removed and works carried out to erect fencing the overall look is much improved.
45. **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.
46. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that we have issues with some of the memorials so need to get them safety tested professionally. We will investigate this via BRAMM or SMDC and what actions need to be taken if there are any that are unsafe.
47. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - Buying Plots in advance.

Chairman