

Minutes of Cemetery Committee meeting held on the 17th May 2023 at 12:30pm, Bill Chafer Centre, Flash Lane. S66 1TS.

Members Present.

Cllr D Hardwick

Cllr D Tattersfield

Cllr M Brown

Cllr C Makin

Staff- Clerk R Thompson.

Apologies

Cllr J McVann

Cllr J Bradwell

1.0 Curb set -Mr X.

1.01 Cllr Hardwick suggested contacting the stone mason and telling him that unless he fixes the issue he will not be allowed to enter our cemetery. Item to be discussed at full council.

2.0 Unofficial adornments.

2.01 Cllr Hardwick mentioned that there are an increased number of unofficial adornments and we should really arrange a clear up.

The Clerk said she will speak with Cllr Bradwell and arrange for the volunteers from the lighthouse organisation to come along and do a clean up morning with the Councillors.

2.02 Cllr M Brown noted that one of the infant graves that we previously had issues with now has flowers and adornments that are outside of regulations.

2.03 Cllr D Tatterfield asked about whether new grave owners receive the rules, the Clerk confirmed that they do.

3.0 Cemetery maintenance.

3.01 Cllr Hardwick said that a skip is needed to empty out the compound area. All agreed and the Clerk agreed to arrange in line with the volunteers coming to clean up.

3.02 Cllr D Tatterfield said that the hedges need to be trimmed back to make the sign more visible.

3.03 Cllr D Tatterfield noted that the yellow line painted on the uneven curb needs repainting. The Clerk agreed to arrange.

3.04 Cllr D Hardwick expressed concerns over the size of the spoil heap. Cllr C Makin agreed to look into having it removed.

3.05 Cllr D Hardwick said that the tree near the new cremation plots area could do with a tidy up as people put trinkets around it. He suggested a sign be put up at the tree.

3.06 Cllr D Hardwick said that the gaps in the hedges need filling in. The Clerk agreed to arrange.

3.07- Cllr D Hardwick discussed 2 older graves that himself and Cllr Tattersfield would like to clean up, the Clerk confirmed that there are no longer any next of kin. Cllr Makin has a quote of £33 for a ton of limestone chippings to fill the curb set. All agreed to go ahead with this.

3.08 Cllr M Brown discussed the memorial wall, he said that there is an increasing number of artificial flowers and adornments been added to the wall. The Clerk agreed to put up a sign to say “ Fresh Flowers Only Please”.

Meeting closed at 1:15pm.