

MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY MEETING HELD ON
14 MAY 2020 AT THE CEMETERY
WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

Present: Councillors Tunnell-Westmacott — Chairperson, S Lofthouse, P Higgs, S Palmer, D Cohen, D Buckland — Groundsman. Maggie Andrews — Town Clerk.

1. Minutes of the last meeting (11 September 2019). These were agreed and signed by the Town Clerk.
2. Matters arising. Benches. These are being repaired and treated.
Cemetery sign. David Buckland is in the process of making this.
3. Headstone safety. Most headstones are safe and are regularly checked. Those unsafe are laid down.
4. Grass & Tree maintenance. All satisfactory. Some branches of trees near the entrance to the cemetery off the car park need removing so as to allow more light to the yew hedge.
5. Cemetery sign. See matters arising.
6. Extra land. After discussion and a recce of the land suggestions were made to clear half the land, removing all trees and shrubs. Paths could be considered at a later date. However, in the main area of the cemetery some extra spaces were identified for purchase, approximately 25 — 30 and so it was generally thought reclaiming the top area of land may not be necessary until late autumn or spring. In the meantime a quotation would be sought. David Buckland and Councillor Tunnell-Westmacott will meet Hickman Bros on site to discuss the requirements. The above will be discussed at full Council meeting for a final decision.
7. Any Other Business. Some walls along the drive will need repairing before they collapse. Nick Mills' land lies adjacent, his fencing to keep horses from leaning against the dividing wall is ineffective. The Clerk will advise him to reinstate posts and barbed wire so that the walls can be protected.
The Clerk will investigate the use of metal markers for purchased and reserved graves.
David Buckland will arrange for the bollard to be in place at the car park as soon as possible to deter motorists from driving all the way to the top of the Cemetery unless authorised. A combination lock will be attached and the number given to undertakers as and when necessary.