

Burford Town Council

Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held at

the Cemetery on Monday 11 July 2022 at 5 pm.

Present: Cllr Tunnell- Westmacott, Cllr Higgs, Cllr Palmer. Cllr Cotterill, Maggie Andrews, David Buckland.

1. Minutes.

These were signed by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting held on 13 September 2021.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Lofthouse & White.

3. Matters Arising

Covered under the agenda items.

4. Topple Testing/general safety measures & signage.

Several unsafe headstones have been laid flat. It was suggested that the loose headstones could be due to the dry weather. However it was noted that older grave plots seemed much more stable. We need to determine the method stone masons are using to secure headstones and whether the work is to British Standards. We will request stone masons carrying out any future work to provide us with the method they plan to use. All undertakers will be made aware of BTC's request.

The following headstones have been laid flat.

Dowley 1951. A. Beckinsale 1950. G. Moore 1960. A.J.Smith 1979.

Those unsafe or loose are E.Danby 1976. S.J.Cain 1988. A.C Moore. 2009.

Chalk 2013. Dunsby 2009. E.J. Evans 2018. J.Inchley 2013. H. Bowl 2012. C.J. Agg 2012. R. Drew 1954. J.M. Edwards 2013.

The next of kin will be contacted requesting they arrange for them to be made secure as soon as is possible. Those where the family cannot be traced will be made safe by our groundsman .

A recent visitor to the Cemetery tripped on uneven ground causing minor injury. In light of this the Council decided to display the following signage:-

All unsafe headstones will have a notice attached advising the public of their condition.

New signs will be prominently displayed at two sites in the car park area stating the ground is uneven and for the public to take care. A disclaimer notice will also be displayed.

5. Grass, trees, walls, driveway, Chapel of Rest / general maintenance..

McCracken's have made a good job of the latest cuts and several positive comments have been received.

An ivy tree along the East wall wall needs removing since it is dead and unsafe.

Garden of Remembrance: The plot of C.Richards is in a state of disrepair. The next of kin will be contacted.

The toppers along the new ashes wall by the Chapel of Rest need moving back slightly so the overhang is not proud.

6. Review costs.

After discussion it was decided to increase our costs. These will be on our website and distributed to all undertakers as from the date of these minutes

7. A.O.B.

Future working parties will need to bag up the debris which will make David Buckland's job a little easier for disposal.

Glass containers are still being used on graves which are dangerous to the public and the Grass contractors. They will be removed for safety.

The Clerk will contact Nick Mills asking him to reinstate the posts inside the stone wall along the driveway. Animals in the field rub against the wall causing it to collapse.

David continues to repair dry stone walls.