

CREWKERNE AND WEST CREWKERNE
JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Joint Burial Committee held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square Crewkerne.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. S. Ashton, M. Best (Chair), J. Borland, C. Broom, N. Draycott, F. Freeman, A. Samuel and A. Stuart.

Also in attendance: K. Sheehan (Clerk) and three members of the public.

OPEN FORUM:

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Lime trees on the cemetery border had been identified by Taylor Wimpey for removal as part of their northern site reserved matters application. He asked whether the Council could investigate whether these trees were in fact council-owned, as they appeared to be inside the cemetery boundary.
- The second chapel had originally had pews and hand sewn tapestries and it was asked if there was any information on their current whereabouts.

Cllr. Best responded that the Clerk would investigate the matters of cemetery boundaries and tree ownership further. If Councillors formed the opinion that the trees were in fact council-owned, the Clerk would be formally asked to write to Taylor Wimpey stating this. He also recalled that in over thirty years he had not known the second chapel either used for services or to have pews/tapestries but asked the Clerk to investigate further.

43 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/23

None.

44 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2022

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The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022 were AGREED.

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/23 in items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were made at this point.

46 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

22/23

The Clerk noted that all items would be covered on the agenda.

47 FINANCIAL MATTERS

22/23 a. To receive the financial update report

The financial update report was noted, no questions were raised.

b. To receive a report on the Lodge refurbishment and project spend to date

The Clerk reported that the forecast spend on the Lodge refurbishment to the end of the financial year had been £15,728. This spend included repair works to the chimneys, interior decoration, blinds, kitchen, recommissioning of the boiler and alarm system. The roof repairs were currently underway. Some works remained outstanding and further progress and budget reports would be provided to the Burial Committee.

48 INSPECTIONS

22/23 To receive a verbal report from recent inspections and make arrangements for cemetery inspections until June 2023

Cllrs. Samuel and Broom noted that the cemetery was looking very well. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether the right-hand path could be sprayed with weedkiller. The Burial Committee would conduct its annual walk around prior to the next meeting.

49 TO CONSIDER IF CURRENT MEETING DATES AND FREQUENCY ARE ADEQUATE

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It was AGREED to insert an extra meeting date in February to avoid a large gap between December and April meetings.

50 TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS, MEMORIALS AND TRANSFERS RECEIVED

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The applications, memorials and transfers received were APPROVED.

51 MATTERS OF REPORT

22/23

None.

52 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 18.45 in the Cemetery Chapel, Townsend Cemetery, Mount Pleasant.

The meeting closed at 18.59.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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