

Minutes of meeting of Cemetery Committee held on Tuesday, 25th September, 2018
at 6.00 p.m. in the Cemetery

Present: Councillors, J.P.Anderson, J.M.F.Royce, P. Bower.
PCC representatives: D. Power, A. Farnsworth.

1. Election of Chairman:

Nomination: J.P.Anderson.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce, SECONDED: A. Farnsworth. Vote: All in favour.

J.P.Anderson accepted the position of Chairman and thanked the Committee.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman:

Nomination: P. Bower.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson, SECONDED: A. Farnsworth. Vote: All in favour.

P. Bower accepted the position of Vice-Chairman and thanked the Committee.

3. Apologies: Councillors D. Bexon, C. Dabell. **Absent:** J. Youatt.

Apologies accepted.

4. Declaration of Interest: J.M.F. Royce in Agenda Item 7 Cemetery Maintenance with respect to the grave refurbishment contract.

5. Budgets:

Cemetery Budget 2018/19:

The current budget was examined and is within normal limits for the half year.

The cemetery income is mainly drawn from GPC precept revenue. To keep this at an acceptable level the costs of the water supply, green bin, and the, one off, annual strim of the top four rows of graves are drawn from the accumulated PCC burial fund.

Cemetery Budget 2019/20:

J.P. Anderson had drawn up a draft budget for 2019/20 showing a 2% increase in mowing costs. Tendering for mowing is currently under progress.

Unanimously accepted for submission to GPC subject to mowing tender outcome.

6. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th May, 2017:

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th May, 2017.

PROPOSED: D. Power SECONDED: P. Bower. Vote: All in favour.

7. Progress from the Minutes:

Green Bin: D. Power and A. Farnsworth regularly check the green bin and have not found it full so there is currently no need to order a second one. This will be reviewed, as necessary.

Right Front Border: J.P. Anderson to ask Mr. and Mrs. Hand to grass over the right hand side border and arrange the kerb stones in order to stand against the wall.

Yew Tree: J.P. Anderson to ask M. Guest to prune out the dead branches from the large yew tree. The tree does not appear to be dying.

Front Border: The border appears to be in a tidy condition. The annuals suffered during the summer drought.

Yew Tree on right of Cemetery,(opposite to the variegated laurel bush). The Clerk to ask Horizon Landscapes to cut back the large circle of ivy surrounding the yew tree.

8. Cemetery Maintenance schedule:

J.P.Anderson had received three estimates for refurbishing the front row of ancient graves which had suffered subsidence over the years. Family members are expected to fund the cost of their own graves. Currently, one family has been contacted.

Estimates, as follows:

Horizon Landscapes - £4,500 plus VAT.

Bisco Builders - £2,100.

G. Neil - £1,470.

It was PROPOSED by D. Power and SECONDED by A. Farnsworth that G. Neil carry out the work at a cost of £1,470 with the proviso the work to be completed by Christmas 2018.

Vote: All in favour.

The Clerk to contact G. Neil.

Removal of Ivy from right hand side wall, (adjacent to the Cuckoo Bush).

JP Anderson to ask G. Neil to remove the bushy ivy from the right hand side wall in time for the Scout bonfire collection.

Leylandii Hedge at top of Cemetery:

JP Anderson to ask G. Neil to prune back the hedging to the fence.

9. Matters to Report: Nil.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting: To be arranged.

Meeting Closed at 6.55 p.m.