

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROOM 1, HOLLOW LANE,
CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY 12th. OCTOBER 2021.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor G.W. Salt.
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. C.A. Lovatt.

Councillors - M.T. Bowen, H.R. Jennings, and Mrs. L.M. Salt.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

- 15 **APOLOGIES** - There were no apologies.
- 16 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13th. JULY 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
- 17 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - There were no matters raised.
- 18 **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
- 19 **NON-CONSECRATED AREA IN ST. EDWARDS LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that she has circulated the Local Authorities' Cemetery Order of 1977. Councillor Bowen stated that the Parish Council have acted over and above by leaving a non-consecrated area when the cemetery was created. The Clerk had also sent the Equalities Act of 2010 and other evidence for members to read and consider. Councillor Jennings proposed that following intensive investigation we are now satisfied our regulations adhere to all legislation requirements and should remain as it is. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Salt. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt explained that there would be a lot of new rules and regulations that would have to be considered and Councillor Bowen added there are too many considerations, and no other Parishes provide this in Staffordshire Moorlands. Unlike other Parish Councils we have an area of non-consecrated ground for other religions/non-religious residents to be buried in. All agreed that this is to be put forward to Full Council as the final decision no designated areas for Muslim burials or any other religion.
- 20 **REVIEW OF RULES & REGULATIONS/POLICY** - The Clerk had circulated the Rules & Regulations to members. Councillor Mrs. Salt. mentioned rule thirteen about a temporary wooden cross to add a time scale of 12 months. This will be added to the regulations.
- 21 **REVIEW OF BURIAL GROUND CHARGES** - The Clerk reported that the charges were increased last year and that the income generated so far this year is looking to be higher than the amount projected in the budget. It has been a difficult year so would Councillor's like to make a proposal as to what to do from April 2022. Councillor Jennings proposed to leave the charges the same for the coming financial year and review again next year all agreed.
- 22 **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that the works to the Garden of Remembrance have been completed and now sufficient for a further row of plots going forward and stated that Basil had made an exceptionally good job of laying the new slabs. The Clerk reported that the tree request was no longer going ahead as they have purchased a plot in the garden of remembrance instead.

- 23 **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for Steve Massey to report on tree works required so we can look at making a start on removing some of the damaged ones. Councillor Jennings stated that the people buried in the burial ground records need to be published better to allow people to search for relatives. Councillor Mrs. Salt asked if SCC have the records of where they are buried and would it be worth investigating. The Clerk reported that the records held just gives names and dates not a plan of the burial plots and maybe this could be turned into a database to enable people to search. Councillor Mrs. Salt will approach SCC records to see if there are any other details held and report back. The Clerk will also investigate cemetery packages to see if the information can be converted from the record book. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt stated that the path needs a notice of a disclaimer stating the uneven surface as a matter of urgency to warn people prior to works taking place as the tree roots are making it a trip hazard. It was agreed to do this and keep it on as a future agenda item.
- 24 **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - Councillor Bowen reported a mole hill to be dealt with and the hedge requires cutting so the clerk report this to Jim.
- 25 **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS**
Disabled access to St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery visit required.
- 26 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**
The Finances were discussed and agreed.

Chairman
22nd. February 2022.