

## Cheddleton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN MEETING ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup>. OCTOBER 2022.

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman - Councillor M.P. Worthington.  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. C.A. Lovatt.

Councillors - M.T. Bowen, Mrs. V. Cornes, and H.R. Jennings.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor M. Ahmad, it was resolved to accept these.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE** - Councillor Bowen put himself forward, Councillor Worthington put himself forward as Chair and it was agreed that as Councillor Worthington is not the chair of any committee that he be elected as new Chair.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22<sup>nd</sup>. FEBRUARY 2022** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
4. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** -  
**Re. Min. 36. Any Works Required - Asylum Burial Ground** - Councillor Jennings brought up the fencing at the end of the ground with stock fencing. It was suggested that Steve have a look and price up for doing the job.  
**Re. Min. 37. Any Works Required - Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery** - Councillor Worthington asked about the Memorial List. The Clerk will raise as a future agenda item.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
6. **REVIEW OF RULES & REGULATIONS/POLICY** - The Clerk reported that this was reviewed at the last meeting. We have got Leek's cemetery rules which we could compare ours too before the next meeting so this will be circulated to members. There are systems listing plots and all the relevant documentation and will remove the manual intervention of the burial grants and plot ownership. The Clerk will investigate packages and speak to other clerks with cemeteries as to what they use. Rialtas have an add on to their Accounts system which we could have a demonstration on how it works and the cost implications.
7. **REVIEW OF BURIAL GROUND CHARGES** - The Clerk circulated the current charges and those of local cemeteries to compare to and the examples of percentage increases for members consideration. Councillor Jennings proposed 5% increase year on year to make us comparable to other cemeteries. Councillor Bowen seconded the proposal and all agreed.
8. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that as part of the risk assessment last time the trees were identified as an issue so she will contact Charles Piggott for assessment to put forward to SMDC to grant permission. The dangerous bench has been replaced and request for 3 further memorial benches from residents and need to order them. The entrance gate has been done and the signs have been checked and new wooden backing.

8. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY (Cont'd...)**  
Grave Markers was brought up but objected to by a resident who has a plot in the cemetery does not want it marking. Council Mrs. Lovatt proposed that this plot be left unmarked as it is his specific wishes and seconded with all members agreed. The Clerk will look at a marker on the flag with plot number but will investigate what other cemeteries do. The Clerk reported that there is a legacy been received from Vera Heath of £500 but it has not been specified what it be used for so this will be earmarked in the Reserves for future projects.
9. **ASYLUM BURIAL RECORDS/HOSPITAL RESIDENTS** - Councillor Mrs. Lovatt has done over 500 of the records and continues to create a spreadsheet to list all occupants 1389. Councillor Jennings has taken a photograph of a plaque in the Church of hospital residents which a record of those needs to be kept of them. There is a second plaque, so we need to record them all. Councillor Bowen will take a photo of both to add to the records and make it known.
10. **REVIEW OF ASYLUM BURIAL GROUNDS GRASS CUTTING ETC** - The Clerk reported that Pip is doing a vey good job so it was agreed to extend his contract to the next year so the Clerk will discuss that with him.
11. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - The Clerk reported that the trees need to be assessed still and the path quotes for it, so Councillor Mrs. Lovatt suggested that she will look at getting funding so the Clerk will forward details from Moorlands Partnership Board and any other funding available. The large stone was discussed for putting on the refurbished roundabout.
12. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that some of the memorial stones are moving which need to be reported to the plot owners as it is their responsibility to make them safe.
13. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - Hedge cutting. Councillor Bowens trees, 2 Conker trees American red oak – The Clerk will seek advice from Charles Piggott.
14. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2023/24** - After discussion recommended earmarking any remainder funds and that no precept would be required for the next financial year to be put forward to the Finance Committee.

Chairman  
28<sup>th</sup>. February 2023.