

MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2024
10.00am
MILLENNIUM HALL

Present: Cllrs Mr S Attenborough, Mrs M Lynch, Mr N Robinson, Mr P Williams

In attendance: J Perry (Principal Officer)
K Jones (Deputy Principal Officer)
A Harrison (Estates Officer)

12. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Hall and were noted.

13. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this time.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7th JUNE 2024

The minutes of the meeting held 7th June 2024 had been circulated to all Members. Proposed by Cllr Mr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynch, and by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held 7th June 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

16. TO NOTE THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR I ASHTON FROM THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE

Members noted that Cllr Ms Ashton had resigned from the Cemetery Sub-Committee.

17. TO NOTE LAW COMMISSION BURIAL AND CREMATION CONSULTATION PAPER

The Deputy Principal Officer had circulated to all Members the summary report of the Law Commission's Burial and Cremation Consultation Paper. Members were appraised of the main points in the paper, and the Deputy Principal Officer confirmed she would follow the consultation and report back anything relevant to Burbage.

18. TO CONSIDER A NEW BENCH REQUEST FOR BAY N

Members considered a request for a new bench to be sited outside of our current layout plan adjacent to Bay N. Following discussion, proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mr Robinson, and by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - to decline the request as the location not considered acceptable. Principal Officer to contact the requestor to offer an alternative location consistent with our current layout plan.

19. TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR SCULPTURE AND ENTRANCE SIGN FOR WOODLAND ASHES AREA

Members considered quotations received for the sculpture and entrance sign for the woodland ashes scattering area. The Estates Officer advised that the grounds team would not have the capacity to offer any assistance with the fitting. The Principal Officer confirmed that the remaining budget in the project reserve would need to be increased. Proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mr Attenborough, and by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - to make a **RECOMMENDATION** to the Environment Committee for a virement of £3500 to be made from New Projects to the Woodland Ashes Area Project reserve.

RESOLVED - to engage Pete Leadbetter to produce and install the sculpture and entrance sign as quoted.

20. TO FURTHER CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING A SEGREGATED MUSLIM BURIAL AREA IN THE CEMETERY EXTENSION

Further to discussion at previous meetings, Members once again considered a request from a resident regarding a separate Muslim burial area in the planned cemetery extension. Consideration was given to the information that had been collated by the Deputy Principal Officer and Members requested that a comparison be made of the population of Burbage with the population of Hinckley and that this information be used to form the basis of a calculation of how many spaces should be provided. Following detailed discussion, proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynch, and by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - to make a **RECOMMENDATION** to Full Council to support in principle the laying out of a designated Muslim burial area as a requirement of our design specification for the cemetery extension, considering the example at Ashby Road Cemetery, Hinckley and feasibility at design stage for capacity/numbers.

21. TO CONSIDER NEW TREE PLANTING AT ST CATHERINE'S CHURCHYARD

Cllr Williams advised Members that Father Andrew would like to plant a number of apple trees at St Catherine's churchyard. The Estates Officer confirmed that he would be happy for these to be planted but would ask that Father Andrew ensures he has volunteers to look after them. Proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mr Robinson, and by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - to approve the planting of new apple trees at St Catherine's Churchyard with Estates Officer to liaise with Father Andrew on final details.

RESOLVED - to make a **RECOMMENDATION** to the Environment Committee to consider the donation of some fruit trees to St Catherine's Church for this initiative.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.05am.