

ST DENNIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cemetery Meeting held in the Claytawc Centre on Tuesday the 18th February 2020 at 7.55pm

Present: Cllr Mrs T Edmunds (Chairman), Cllr Kelsey (Vice Chair), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Mr N Edmunds.

In Attendance: Lynn Clarke Parish Clerk

C52/19 – Apologies

Cllr Lodomez. Apologies accepted

C53/19 – Declarations of Interest

None declared

C54/19 – Public Participation

Cllr Mrs T Edmunds advised of a plot that requires topping up. Clerk will check the details and arrange.

C55/19 – To adopt the minutes of the 19th September 2019.

Approved – proposed by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds seconded by Cllr Clarke, Cllr Mr N Edmunds abstained as not present at the meeting. All others present in favour.

C56/19 – Matters arising from the last meeting.

Cemetery Regulations updated.

Coffin Carrying Disclaimer complete

Installation of folding bollards authorised awaiting installation date.

Refurbishment of Cemetery Shed Authorised contractor waiting for weather to improve.

Unauthorised Memorial issues have been rectified and payment received.

Signage purchased and installed.

Chippings have been donated and delivered to site.

C57/19 – To discuss the issues with grass cutting due to the tributes being left within the curtilage of the plots.

There have been problems with the grass not being cut properly due to items being left within the lawned area of the Cemetery. This was discussed at length and it was proposed to alter the Cemetery Regulations to reflect that tributes cannot be left within the main grave area, regulations are to stipulate all new plots will be allowed an area of 1ft near the headstone for the purpose of memorial tributes any items left outside this area will be removed. For all existing plots Cllr Clarke & Cllr Mrs T Edmunds will visit the area, identify any concerns and talk with owners where necessary.

C58/19 – To Discuss and agree a Cemetery Tidy Day.

Resolved – To carry out a Cemetery Tidy Day on the 1st August 2020. **Action** – clerk to draft poster and advertise event on social media. Contact Imerys and discuss extra the possibility of obtaining more chippings.

C59/19 – To discuss the Children’s Funeral Fund and agree future claims.

Resolved – To apply for this funding in the future. Proposed by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds seconded by Cllr Clarke all in favour.

C60/19 – To adopt the BRAMM Scheme for all memorial work within the Cemetery.

Resolved – To adopt the BRAMM Scheme for all future memorial work within the Cemetery. proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds seconded by Cllr Clarke all in favour.

C61/19 – To agree the costs of row markers for the sections within the Garden of Rest.

Resolved – To accept the quotation form Kerrow Memorials for the supply of new section markers. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds seconded by Cllr Clarke all in favour.

C62/19 To discuss the extension of the burial ground.

Awaiting update from landowner – **Action** Clerk to chase.

C63/19 To discuss the use of plastic within the Cemetery and the effects on the environment.

In an effort to help with Climate change and support of the environment the Parish Council discussed the use of plastics and its detrimental effect on our environment. It was **Resolved** To phase out the use of plastic within the Cemetery grounds over the next year. **Action** – Office to place a notice informing of the decision, Cemetery Regulations to be updated to reflect this and alternative forms of water containers to be investigated. Proposed by Cllr Kelsey seconded by Cllr Clarke all in favour.

C64/19 – Any other matters.

None

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw

C65/19 – Confidential Items.

Memorial works – Resolved Cllr Mrs T Edmunds will address.

Unauthorised trees – Resolved awaiting response from letter.

Any other urgent and relevant confidential item, for information, that the Chairman considers appropriate.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.40 pm

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman of the Cemetery Committee