

# CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Burial Ground Committee was held on Friday 06<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
On site commencing at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs S. Beresford, J. Bolt, and G. Bishop

## 1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Beresford was proposed and seconded and duly elected Chair of the Burial Ground committee.

## 2. Apologies for absence

All members were present.

## 3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

No declarations were made.

## 4. Minutes of previous meeting held on 01<sup>st</sup> September 2022

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## 5. Finances

Income from burial fees	£ 1565.00
Income from Precept	£ 1000.00
Expenditure from burial fees	£ 1263.40
Expenditure from Precept	£ 32.40
Reserves	£ 4779.80

The Clerk noted that income from burial fees (used predominantly for grass cutting), was considerably lower than previous years.

This may mean that funds allocated to Precept or Reserves may have to be used.

## 6. To recommend fees for 2024 to Governance Committee

Further to agenda item 5, the following was proposed:

Interment Fees (Adult)	£ 230	£ 210
Interment Fees (Child)	£ 115	£ 105
Exclusive Rights of Burial (Grave)	£ 550	£ 520
Exclusive Rights of Burial (Crem)	£ 275	£ 260
Erection of Memorial	£ 140	£ 130
Erection of a Vase	£ 55	£ 50
Additional Inscription	£ 55	£ 50

## 7. To recommend Precept request for 24/25 to Governance Committee

It was recommended to increase the Precept request to £ 1200.00 from the current £ 1000.00

**8. Burial Ground walk around (work to do done)**

**a. Pathways**

It was agreed that all pathways were okay.

**b. Trees**

It was agreed to remove all the self-seeded trees and shrubbery on the northwest wall closest to the Abbey.

It was all decided to remove the yew tree growth.

The Clerk would obtain a quote.

**c. Walls and fences**

It was agreed that all walls and fences were in adequate condition.

**d. Graves**

One tomb was identified as in need of attention.

The Clerk would obtain an estimate from a funeral director to make this safe.

**9. Items for next meeting**

**10. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 24 @ 6pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman