

CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Burial Ground Committee was held on Tuesday 10th November 2019
Via Zoom at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs S. Beresford, J. Bolt, G. Bishop, R. Wilkin, and M. Baggaley

1. Appointment of the Chair

Cllr Beresford was nominated, seconded, and duly elected the Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

All members were presents.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

No declarations were made.

4. Minutes of previous meeting held on 28th November 2019

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

5. To set the Burial Ground policy including fees and charges

The committee agreed to recommended that no changes needed to be made.

6. Burial Ground risk assessment

Changes were made to the risk assessment. These would take effect immediately and be put forward to Full Council for endorsement.

7. Burial Ground maintenance and improvements

The committee held an informal gathering a few weeks prior.

A series of maintenance items were identified for completion.

It was agreed to write a specification and the Clerk would take this to procurement.

No formal price had been given for the burial ground extension.

It was agreed to formally write to Lord Digby with this request.

It had been verbally briefed that the walls of the burial ground do not belong to Lord Digby.

The committee required a more formal reply, preferably with a copy of the deeds.

Confirmation was required as to the what the grass cutting contractor was doing to ensure this married up with what the committee thought should be being done.

It was accepted that the contract had changed over time and it needed to be formalised once more.

It was agreed that the burial ground needed one more cut. Members of the team would meet with the contractor at this time and discuss this matter.

It was also thought that further minor additions could be made at this time if the value of these works did not exceed procurement limits.

It was asked if the sign stating 'not drinking water' had been found at the Well.

Cllr Baggaley would have a look next time at the Burial Ground.

It was questioned if the wall was a listed building.

The Clerk would look at the Historic England website and establish this.

It was asked if maintenance should be done on some of the tombs that were listed.

This would be established at the next meeting.

8. Finances

Income from burials	£3900
Expenditure	£2209
Surplus	£1691

Burial Ground reserves £7425.24

9. Items for next meeting

None at the present time.

10. Date of next meeting

06th May 2021 @ 1830 hours on site

The meeting closed at 2051 hours.

Signed _____ Chairman