

Hamble-le- Rice Parish Council
BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING



Monday 30th April 2018 at 8.30am

Parish Council Office, Memorial Hall, High Street, Hamble-le-Rice

AGENDA

Welcome

Apologies for absence

Declaration of interest and approved dispensations

Public Session

- 1 Compost Bin & Water Butt Report
- 2 Bird Bath Report
- 3 Review of current burial policy

Exempt Business **Exempt Business** - To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of the following items of business on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Schedule 12A categories have been amended and are now subject to the public interest test, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This came into effect on 1st March 2006.

It is considered that the following items are exempt from disclosure and that the public interest in not disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

- 4 To receive, discuss and decide on a request for a burial within the St Andrew's Burial Ground from the family of an ex-parishioner


Jeanette Symes

Asst. Clerk to the Parish Council

Date 24th April 2018

Compost bin and water butt for cemetery.

There are a huge number of both compost bins and water butts available, I have looked for ones that would be in keeping with the surroundings and blend in enough to not stand out excessively.

For this reason I have looked at wooden compost bins and wood effect water butts. My recommended option would be for a wooden beehive style compost bin and a woodgrain effect water butt,

These items will compliment the existing wooden litter bins and not look out of place against the wooden wall of the priory centre.

The compost bin I am recommending has a double opening rather than single this will make use easier for those with less strength in the arms and shoulders

I have found examples on the Primrose garden website;

220L Oak woodgrain effect water butt £89.99

Beehive double hinged roof compost bin 328L £59.99

A site location plan is attached.

PRIORITY CENTRE

DOWNPIPE

LOCATION FOR WFA SUBT

HEAVE

CLIMATION
PLOTS

LOCATION FOR COMPOST BIN

EXISTING BIN

CLIMATION
PLOTS

NOT TO SCALE.

Date: 30th April 2018

Burial Ground Committee
Agenda item: 2 Bird Bath

DECISION: TO AGREE A BIRD BATH DESIGN FOR AGREEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ST ANDREWS CHURCH. PURCHASE AND INSTALL IN THE CEMETERY AREA.

INTRODUCTION

The Biodiversity report prepared by Hants and IOW Wildlife Trust recommended a pond be dug in the cemetery to support wildlife and improve biodiversity.

CONTENT

A pond raised many health and safety concerns so it was agreed to investigate alternatives. A bog gardens was suggested but it was not thought suitable or in keeping with the cemetery area.

The most viable alternative seems to be the installation of one or more bird baths. These will visually enhance the cemetery space whilst providing a vital water source for birds.

The RSPB does not recommend bird baths sited directly on the ground as birds are easy prey for predators.

Having explored many different designs the following have been short listed for the Committee's consideration:

<https://www.statuesandsculptures.co.uk/garden-bird-bath-gothic-design-stone-birdbath#.WpVDzWemIT5>

Many designs have a large 'bath' and may be top heavy with a risk of toppling. However it is advisable to consider a 'heavy' design which cannot be easily removed.

There are some alternatives at:

<http://www.torstone.com/cat/bird-baths/!/style/123,124,121,122>

By placing stones in the water, just above the water level, smaller birds will be able easily able to access the water.

SPECIFIC ISSUES

There is a risk of theft – two ways to discourage this are:

1. Commission the producer or a local stone mason to engrave 'Donated by Hamble Parish Council' or something similar around the bath.
2. Install the bath (cement) on a larger flat base – this could be decoratively engraved or left plain.

It is probably advisable to refer the chosen design to the Parish Council's Health and Safety consultants for approval before an order is placed.