

**ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on Monday  
18 April 2016 at 4.00pm in the Viewing Gallery of Ash Green Sports Centre**

Present: Cllr Mrs Brammer  
Cllr Mrs Clucas  
Cllr Mrs Connell  
Mr B Parlett  
Cllr J Scott

Mrs A de Jager – Parish Clerk

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Brown and Mrs Howie

**2. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in any tree works carried out in the Churchyard as the work was carried out by a family member.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**4. Current Maintenance Needs**

- Quantified Tree Risk Assessment. The report was discussed and Cllr J Scott felt that the Ash trees numbered T2 and T3 should be removed, leaving T3 and T4 SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED an amendment, stating that members should inspect the trees as the report did not indicate that any immediate work was required. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and it was AGREED that members would meet at the Burial Ground at 7pm on Thursday 21 April to look at the trees.
- The contractor will be asked to trim the sides of the new Yew hedge to keep the hedge at a one foot width.
- The photographs were discussed:
  - It was NOTED that some graves that had subsided have been topped up, letters will be sent to the Grant of Right owners where the subsidence is severe.
  - The planting on grave 312 extends over the boundary of the grave.
  - Letters will be written to Grant of Right owners regarding the conifer trees planted on graves.
  - Mole activity was NOTED and the contractor will be consulted regarding the planting of Sork bulbs.

A resident walking through the Burial Ground had commented that it was 'lovely.'

## 5. Memorials

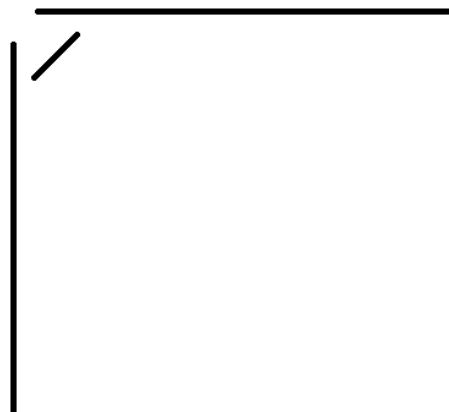
No report.

## 6. Future Provision

6.1 The current availability was NOTED. Information giving separate numbers for burials in new graves and existing graves will be brought to the next meeting.

6.2 New Burial Ground – No report.

6.3 Memorial Garden – before a formal application can be made to the Diocese, the specifications of the wall and plaques have to be agreed. Following discussions it was agreed that the brick wall should be 5'6" with plain brick pillars at each end and at regular intervals and a capping stone. It was suggested that a smaller wall could be built across the corner in place of the curve that was recommended by the Diocese, as per the diagram below.



The information provided by the members of St Giles Church was received and noted. A meeting will be arranged with the members of St Giles with a view to getting their assistance in the provision of drawings and specification required for the wall. Cllr Mrs Connell and the Clerk will attend.

## 8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee was set for 27 June 2016 at 4.00pm.

The meeting closed at 5.14pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....