

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

**Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on Tuesday
24 January 2017 in the Viewing Gallery of Ash Green Sports Centre preceded by a
Site Visit at Ash Burial Ground commencing at 11.00am**

Present at Site Visit: Cllr M Brown
 Cllr Mrs Connell
 Cllr Mrs Clucas
 Cllr Mrs Howie
 Mr B Parlett
 Cllr J Scott
 Mr D Hudson – DC Hudson & Partner LLP

Mrs A de Jager – Parish Clerk

Members of the Burial Ground Committee met with Mr D Hudson at the Burial Ground.

- The position of the wall was discussed and the Parish Council's preference for an angled wall instead of the curved wall that had been suggested by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). The Committee would like to use the Farnborough model for the plaques and for the interment of ashes.
- The length of the walls was discussed and a faculty would be applied for the entire wall, but it may be built in phases. It was pointed out that it is almost impossible to match the colour of bricks if the wall was built in phases.
- The existing pathway would be extended, and if necessary the bench may have to be moved. A new pathway will be installed to allow access to the memorial wall and along the boundary between the graves and the Memorial Garden
- It was noted that there is a significant drop in ground level from the Burial Ground to the adjoining fields.
- Planning permission would have to be obtained from Sevenoaks District Council.

Present at meeting: Cllr Mrs Clucas
 Cllr Mrs Connell
 Cllr Mrs Howie
 Mr B Parlett

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that Cllr Mrs Connell is Chairman for the meeting. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and AGREED

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Brown and J Scott

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 05 December 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Memorial Garden

It was AGREED that the site visit held with Mr Hudson had been positive with useful discussion.

5. Review of Charges

Mr B Parlett PROPOSED that with effect from 01 April 2017, all charges are increased by £5.00 with the exception of search fees, which would remain unaltered. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

6. Current Maintenance Needs

- There is considerable mole activity in the Burial Ground. Cllr Mrs Howie will obtain contact details for a contractor.
- The refurbished notice board has been installed.
- The green waste area is overflowing with floral tributes from two recent burials and arrangements are being made to have this cleared.
- Cllr Mrs Howie will deliver a letter to the Grant of Right owner of grave number 298 regarding the pruning or removal of a conifer tree.
- The width of the rear entrance to the Burial Ground was discussed and it was AGREED that this would not need to be addressed until further in the process of the Memorial Garden.

7. Memorials

Some members of the Committee had attended the Burial Ground following a request to have a memorial placed 'Head to Head' on a half plot. It was AGREED that this request could not be granted and the Clerk has written and advised the owner of the Grant of Right.

8. Future Provision

8.1 The current availability was NOTED. The graphs were NOTED.

9. Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting would be set once a response has been received from Mr D Hudson.

The meeting closed at 12.42pm

Signed: Date: