

# LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Burial Ground Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 held remotely via Microsoft Teams, commencing at 2pm

## UNCONFIRMED

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| <b>Present:</b><br>Cllr J Downes (JD) – Chairman, Cllr V Brownridge (VB),<br>Mrs J Murray, Parish Clerk |   |                 | No Members of the public present |
| <b>Minute Ref:</b>  | <b>Agenda Item</b>  | <b>Action</b>   |                                  |
| <b>BG49/20</b>  | <b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr R Randall (RR)   |                 |                                  |
| <b>BG50/20</b>  | <b>2. Declarations of Interest – personal or prejudicial</b> None   |                 |                                  |
| <b>BG51/20</b>  | <b>3. To review the Minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019, which were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b><br>- Contact Verity West re hedge<br>- New Sheepridge Lane gate ordered, to be delivered in approx. 8 weeks and be installed once lockdown is lifted  | Clerk           |                                  |
| <b>BG52/20</b>  | <b>4. To review closure of cemetery, except for burials</b><br>Following lobbying for clearer rules on the closure of cemeteries to the public except for funerals and burials, the Ministry of Justice has confirmed that Section 5(8) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 requires those responsible for crematoria to close them except for funerals. This requirement to close would also include a cemetery if the crematorium is situated in the cemetery, which could only be open for burials. The Regulation does not apply to other cemeteries, which can stay open. Consequently, Fern Lane Cemetery will now remain open to the public subject to governmental guidelines.<br>The Burial Ground Committee supported the decision to close and open the Burial Ground. |                 |                                  |
| <b>BG53/20</b>  | <b>5. To review capacity of existing cemetery for burials and draw up a plan for grave digger to follow in future months</b><br>Cllr J Downes is liaising with Keith Heybourne, Grave Digger, regarding burial space. It was noted that without landscaping there is currently four years burial space.<br>Clerk to keep in contact with Trevor Robson at ICCM  | JD<br><br>Clerk |                                  |
| <b>BG54/20</b>  | <b>6. To review bench request</b><br>The bench request was agreed. Once lockdown is lifted the bench location will be agreed and the Clerk will liaise with the applicant.  | Clerk           |                                  |
| <b>BG55/20</b>  | <b>7. Items of Note</b> None  |                 |                                  |
| <b>BG56/20</b>  | <b>8. Date of next meeting</b> Tbc  |                 |                                  |
| There being no further business to be transacted the meeting was closed at 2.30pm                       |   |                 |                                  |

### Abbreviations:

|      |                              |     |                          |
|------|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| LMPC | Little Marlow Parish Council | WDC | Wycombe District Council |
| BCC  | Bucks County Council         | TfB | Trans[port for Bucks     |
| CDC  | Chiltern District Council    | RTR | RESOLVED to RECOMMEND    |

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....