

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

**Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on Wednesday
23 June 2021 at Ash Village Hall commencing at 10.30am**

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr M Manley
Mr B Parlett
Cllr J Scott

In attendance: Mrs A de Jager – Parish Clerk

1. Election of Chairman for 2021/22

Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that Cllr M Brown is elected Chairman for the year 2021/22. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Rev H Reeves. The apologies were accepted.

3. Declaration of Interests

None

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2021 were approved and signed.

5. Memorial Garden

5.1 Installation of plaques – it was NOTED that the first plaques have been installed. When measuring the area, it was found that it would not be possible for the plaques to abut the edge of the indented area. This will result in a reduction of 50 plaques on the wall.

5.2 Blank plaques – it was NOTED that blank plaques will remain in situ and the inscription will be engraved on site. This will incur an additional charge at the time of engraving.

6. Future Provision

6.1 It was NOTED that there are 5 burial spaces left in the burial ground.

6.2 Cllr J Scott PROPOSED that the Burial Ground Committee stops looking for land for a new Burial Ground and that the Finance Committee should make a decision with regard to the balance of the Burial Ground Reserves. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley. Cllr Mrs

Brammer PROPOSED an AMENDMENT to the proposal, that the Parish Council is no longer actively looking for land, but that the reserve is retained. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas FOR: 6 AGAINST: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 0.

- 6.3 It was NOTED that a resident in Hodsoll Street had been in discussions with Rev H Reeves regarding the provision of a church burial ground for the residents of Hodsoll Street. This is the same provision that was previously considered by this committee.

7. Maintenance

- 7.1 The introduction of trees along the boundary between the churchyard and burial ground was discussed and it was AGREED that a more detailed proposal would be necessary, including the siting of trees as they could not be planted in the hedgerow, along with species suggested by an expert.
- 7.2 Members were taken through the photographs noting an increase of unauthorised ornaments on graves, some of which have been placed outside the grave area. No rubbish appears to have been dumped in the Burial Ground and this is due to the bin and compost bin in the Churchyard. Ash saplings need to be removed from the graves. The clearance of graves will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting is set for Thursday 23 September 2021 at Ash Green Sports Centre, commencing at 9.30am.

The meeting closed at 11.17am

Signed: Date: