

Brandon Town Council
Annual Cemetery Meeting
Monday 12th August 2019

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Brandon Town Council Cemetery Meeting
held on Monday 12th August 2019 at Brandon Cemetery,
Church Road, Brandon at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr V Lukaniuk (Chair), Cllr G Brocklehurst, Cllr A Meadows,
Cllr D Palmer, Cllr M Rickard, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr S Skinner,
Cllr C Whiteman, Cllr P Wittam

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and approval of reason tendered.
Cllr N King

- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interests.
Cllr A Meadows and Cllr P Ridgwell – both have exclusive rights.
Cllr S Skinner - Funeral Director. Cllr C Whiteman declared an interest in item 7.

- 3 **ISSUES RAISED DURING THE TOUR OF THE BRANDON CEMETERY**
Cllr Lukaniuk demonstrated the new plinth added to the War Memorial in 2018.
Cllr Lukaniuk mentioned a great job had been done with reducing the spoilage heap by the ground staff. Cllr Ridgwell posed the possibility of turfing the bare soil.
Cllr Lukaniuk asked that the hole in the hedging be sorted with posts and a secure barrier in order to deter individuals making a shortcut.
It was queried by the Chairman whether the box bush had a TPO. The charge hand is to speak to the Reverend Sharron Coburn to establish this.
Cllr Meadows asked that the meadow area be cleared. The Clerk assured her that this is scheduled to be carried out this autumn. The Clerk stated that this is the first time a large area of the graveyard will have been cleared and may take some time.
Cllr Whiteman asked if the Council were insured if someone had an accident in the Cemetery – The Clerk has investigated this subsequently with the Councils Insurance Company and has received confirmation that visitors are covered.
The trees on Church Road and in the old churchyard need cutting back – Clerk to get quotes.
The footpath from Church Road through the graveyard is in need of replacement – The Clerk can confirm that this is not a public footpath and therefore is the responsibility of Brandon Town Council. The footpath will be repaired until it can be budgeted for resurfacing.
The finished height of some recent graves was noted, the office is to ensure that Funeral Directors comply with the Cemetery Regulations.
The general consensus was that the Cemetery was very well kept by Brandon Town Council ground staff.

Signed

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4 ISSUES RAISED DURING THE TOUR OF THE ORCHARD

It was noted that the perimeter hedge requires attention and the paths need spraying with weed killer. The Clerk is to ensure that these items are attended to in the autumn work schedule.

It was requested by Councillors that the picnic bench be repaired and returned to its original place in the orchard. The clerk confirmed it had been removed due to vandalism.

5. URGENT BUSINESS any items the Chairman considers of urgent business

None.

6 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting temporarily due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning QUOTES: LAND: STAFF: CONTRACT

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTC/25/12/Aug/19**

CARRIED: Unanimous

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed