

Bromyard & Winslow Burial Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 19th March 2018
at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Bromyard

*Until the next meeting of the Bromyard & Winslow Burial Committee
these Minutes have not been ratified*

Present: Cllr's Churchill, Clark, Cooper, Nevin and Smith

Fire Procedure: Read to the meeting

Action

- 18/01 Apologies:**
None
- 18/02 Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensation:**
None
- 18/03 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th November 2017:**
It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting
- 18/04 Matters Arising:**
Members discussed the items on the agenda
The DTC was asked to re-check the width of the grass path and agenda the item for the next meeting **DTC**
17/42 The DTC was asked to check if consecrated soil can be removed from a cemetery **DTC**
- 18/04 Matters brought forward:**
Members discussed the list of actions on the "to do list" and the DTC will bring these forward to either agenda items or future reporting. **DTC**
- 18/05 Finance:**
Members discussed the Financial Statement dated month end February 2018.
It was resolved to request Council to agree that the excess of income over expenditure be transferred to the Burial Committee Ear-Marked Reserve and not transferred to general reserve at year-end. **DTC**
- 18/06 Exclusive Rights of Burial:**
These were noted and Cllrs Church and Nevin signed the Deeds.
- 18/07 Memorial Applications:**
Noted
- 18/08 Available spaces:**
Noted
- 18/09 2017 Plot Purchases:**
Members noted that over the last 8 years there had been an annual average of 8 new burial plots and 4 new cremation plots purchased, although the number of cremation plots

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purchased appeared to be on the increase in more recent years.

18/10 Pricepoint Gardening:

Members discussed the matter in depth and felt that there was a moral obligation to pay the company even though the Joint Burial Committee no longer exists.

It was resolved to pay the amount of £612.28 to Pricepoint Gardening.

18/11 Terms of Reference:

Members reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Committee and agreed to two amendments to the "Constitution" section.

It was resolved that with these amendments the Terms of Reference be recommended to Council for ratification

18/12 Pre-purchase of Cremation Plot – W22:

Following some discussion members agreed that allowing this might set a precedent and that this could lead to a lack of available plots, both for burials and cremations, in the future.

It was resolved not to allow the pre-purchase of plots and the DTC was asked to inform the local funeral directors of this decision.

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18/13 Update on Ground Works to Extension:

Members discussed the extension. It was agreed to;

- a. Request Brian Lane roll and mow the area in May/June as appropriate.
- b. Discuss with Rob Wilks the gaps in the hedge between the cemetery and the extension
- c. Discuss with Rob Wilks the possibility of placing turf in the area at the entrance to the extension which is muddy
- d. Request Brian Lane to remove the leaves which have piled up against the hedge.

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18/14 Ownership of land:

Members were advised of the ownership of a strip of land outside the main gates to the cemetery, which had been established via a Land Registry map.

18/15 Replacement Beech Tree:

After some discussion the DTC was asked to write to the Buhuri group and suggest that the replacement tree be planted in the area around H147, which is on the bank near to the new cremation plots. It was agreed that as per Mr. Wilks quotation, a tree of between 14 & 16 cm be purchased and planted during the appropriate season. It was also suggested that the Buhuri Group might like to contribute 50% of the cost of a plaque to commemorate the organisation, the Burial Committee contributing the balance.

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18/16 Memorial Plaques:

It was resolved that memorial plaques may be available in the future when the extension area is finalised and that anyone enquiring should be informed of this.

18/17 Memorial Stone:

Members were generally in favour of a memorial to commemorate deceased residents of the Union. The DTC was asked to gather more information regarding design, cost, wording and position in time for the next meeting of the committee

Meeting closed at 8.35pm