



## BROMYARD AND WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

### BURIAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
At 10am in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Rowberry Street, Bromyard

**MINUTES**  
**B22/01 – B22/6**

Present: Cllrs Davies, Churchill and Franklin

Officers Present: Jennifer Eva, Burials Officer

Cllr Davies was unanimously appointed as Chairman for this meeting in the absence of Cllrs D Dunne-Thomas (Chairman) and A Hughes (Vice-Chairman).

#### **B22/01 Apologies for absence**

*LGA 1972 S85 (1)*

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dr Dunne-Thomas (health), Hughes (work) and Clark (personal appointment).

#### **B22/02 Declaration of interests and written requests for dispensation**

*Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No. 1159*

None received.

#### **B22/03 To receive, approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

*LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)*

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November were received, approved, and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **B22/04 Unmarked Graves**

To consider and approve the final design details for the Workhouse memorial and any necessary action required.

a) To confirm the wording for flag pennant.

Members considered the draft dedication, as below.

*“In memory of the people who resided in the Workhouse or were treated in the Fever Hospital and were buried in unmarked graves near this place”.*

A discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of including people treated in the Fever Hospital, as it is unclear if their remains were interred in the cemetery.

Cllr Churchill strongly objected to the inclusion of the people from the Fever Hospital and asked that her objections be recorded in the minutes.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the draft text as presented.

b) To confirm the wording/poem for the base.

Members considered a poem composed by Mr Dennis Teal, as below.

*Penniless folk going through a hard time,  
Being guilty of poverty is not a crime,  
Fear of the poor house is the burden they bear,  
With no friend or family their troubles to share,  
When the good Lord decided their souls, he would save,  
Their spirits were set free their bodies placed in a grave made for three.*

*D.R.H. Teal*

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to unanimously approve this poem for inclusion on the base of the memorial.

c) To receive the final costings from Mr Adrian Legge.

The committee clerk presented a letter of confirmation from Mr Legge, dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022. In the letter Mr Legge confirmed his agreement to make and supply a forged and fabricated memorial, as per his design, for a budget of £5,000. Siting, groundworks, and site fit to be agreed separately with the cost to be agreed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to agree the contents of Mr Legge's letter.

#### **B22/05 New Cremation Area**

To receive an update from the Burials Officer.

Following a routine visit to the cemetery the Burials Officer noted that the last ashes interment, made by HH Handley, was wrongly placed in cremation bed 4. Prior to this interment the officer had instructed the Funeral Director to start bed 2.

The officer wrote to the Funeral Director to notify them of their mistake and to express the additional work it has placed on the Council to rectify.

The Funeral Director acknowledged this letter and apologised for the error.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to note this information.

#### **B22/06 Correspondence**

No correspondence has been received.

The meeting closed at 10:28am

Chairman ..... Date .....