



MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S BURIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2020 AT THE YOUTH CLUB CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT: Councillors: J Scarsbrook (Chairman), L Rixon, V Davies, Mrs H Siphthorp, Clerk/RFO of the Council & 1 member of the public

Also in attendance: Advisors: Rev M Short & Mr G Golby

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr M Moseley.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
Members were reminded to declare any interests in items on the agenda as they occur.
3. **TO CONFIRM RESIGNATION OF CLLR HUGO CHESTON FROM THE BURIAL BOARD AND TO APPROVE AND APPOINT CLLR MICHAEL MOSELEY AS A NEW MEMBER**
Resignation was noted. **RESOLVED** – Proposed Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Rixon that Cllr Moseley is appointed. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**
4. **MINUTES – TO SIGN AS CORRECT THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2019**
RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr Scarsbrook, seconded Cllr Rixon that the chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**
5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
None.
6. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
The member of public present said she wished to speak about the slippery surface of newly laid cemetery paths and was given the opportunity under item 9 when this subject was being discussed.
7. **CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2019**
Pedestrian gate from Fosseway to Victorian Cemetery has been re erected.
Chairman had put up dog fouling posters on all entrances to the cemetery.
Stone wall adjacent to Brio site in New Cemetery. The wall falling down has been attributed to the roots of the large trees moving with the high winds. Action had been taken and no further problems have occurred. Temporary fencing has been put up to stop access to the cemeteries from the site and permanent barriers or whatever will be installed at some stage.
Lavender border is now fully planted.
CPT have laid wood chippings in the border between newly laid path in New Cemetery and new stone wall.

Bench refurbishment is ongoing and will be completed before the end of this financial year.

Yew trees have been trimmed.

Progress is slow on building the new Access database for the burial records by Pear Technology. She said it was not as straight forward as first thought and it may mean that the clerk will have to meet with Pear Technology face to face to iron out all the issues raised.

Wooden gate from cemetery overflow car park to Cemetery Meadow has been repaired.

Two moles had been caught in the Victorian Cemetery and no further problems since.

CPT will not be coming to the town until the ground dries up.

8. ST EDWARD'S CHURCH UPDATE

Rev Short said that dog fouling in the churchyard still remains a problem. He updated the meeting on the installation of a handrail in the churchyard which is turning out to be much more involved than originally anticipated. Rev Short is also to add onto the faculty application the removal of the yew hedge along Church Alley boundary.

A member of public present was given the opportunity to speak saying that she was concerned that the wall adjacent to Church Alley may be moving. It was agreed that Rev Short would take a look and report back his findings to the clerk.

9. CEMETERIES UPDATE INCLUDING DISCUSSION ON HOW THE ACCESS TO NEW CEMETERY VIA GATE FROM ALLOTMENTS SITE CAN BE TEMPORARILY IMPROVED

Member of public was allowed to speak saying that she had been approached in relation to the slippy paths in the cemeteries.

Council had received a number of comments in relation to the path laid in the New Cemetery in that it was slippy. Clerk explained that the contractor said that the resin coated surface will wear away with people walking on it and expose the stone material underneath. Clerk to ask contractor if it might be an idea in the interim to put down some sharp sand to help alleviate in the short term. This path does not get a great deal of sun and the weather has been exceptionally wet latterly and it was also pointed out the trees from the Brio development overhang the path and deposit sticky residues too.

Clerk advised that the access to the New Cemetery from the allotments site came under the remit of the Parks & square committee who do plan to formalise this area at some stage when funds permit.

Chairman then mentioned the entrance to the New Cemetery from the cemetery overflow car park in that she felt the ground should be made up and perhaps some chippings laid. She said it was very muddy and this would stop this. Discussion took place and the clerk is to obtain estimates for this work. It was also suggested that perhaps this whole section should be formalised into a proper path at some stage. Clerk is to obtain estimates for this too in the same style/specification as the recently resurfaced paths in the cemeteries.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 10.30 am.

11. MEETING CLOSED at 11.12 am.

Signed: _____ Chairman Dated: _____