

BEDALE, AISKEW,
LEEMING BAR & BURRILL
JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

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Minutes

Wednesday 9th November 2022
7pm in The Conference Room at Bedale Hall

Present: Cllr Richard Corner, Cllr Andy Hallett, Cllr David Ingram, Cllr Ian Marr, Rev Simon Moor

19-22 Apologies: Cllr James Proctor, Cllr Christine Mollard, Cllr Paul Garnett, Malcolm Young

20-22 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th August 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record;

Proposed by: Cllr A Hallett

Seconded by: Cllr Ian Marr

21-22 Clerk's updates and correspondence:

a) 'Richard's Corner'. The Rector and Four and Twenty of Bedale charity have approved our grant application to fund the provision of an area for the scattering of ashes.

Action: Clerk to send our thanks and to liaise with Nick Imeson and Braithwaites

b) ERB's for ground plaques. The Clerk confirmed that we should be issuing an ERB where cremated remains are interred. There would be no change to the current fee schedule for this.

c) ICCM. The Clerk requested permission to re-join the 'Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management' for ongoing support and training requirements. The members approved the request.

d) The dates for the quarterly meetings in 2023 are as follows;

- 7pm on 8th February 2023
- 7pm on 10th May 2023
- 6pm on 9th August 2023 for the annual walk followed by meeting at 7pm
- 7pm on 8th November 2023

22-22 Memorial applications: The following Memorial Applications were approved:

Proposed by: Rev S Moor

Seconded by: Cllr D Ingram

- e) **Approval of a one off cash payment:** A recent invoice was paid in cash. Unfortunately there is no facility to deposit cash at either a bank or the Post Office in Bedale. The amount is £70. Members agreed that the Clerk can write a personal cheque for £70, which can be paid into the Post Office and be re-imbursed with the £70 cash.

26-22 General maintenance and memorials:

- a) **Grass cutting contract** – The proposed tender was discussed and approved. Members also decided that no further grass cutting to be carried out until next season.
- b) **Future maintenance costs** were mainly discussed during the budget review. Following the appearance of another sink hole during the summer, Coxons attempted to identify the cause of the repeated holes and locate the drainage pipe. Initial investigations proved inconclusive. They were unable to locate the drainage pipe that they assume runs from the church down the footpath. Should we wish to investigate further they advise a slit trench to the east of the grave yard to try again to locate the outlet for the pipe. This would involve trimming the trees to allow access for a mini excavator so that the trench could be dug. Estimated 10 hours for 2 men with chainsaws, mini excavator and hand tools = £800 + VAT. Should the members decide to replace the old pipework and relay the tarmac path to resolve the problem completely, the potential costs could be estimated at £50K to £100k + VAT project.
- c) **Headstone safety check; (Minute ref: 26-22 c.)** Advice from the YLCA specialist is that testing of upright memorials should be every 5/7 years to balance cost, both for owners and councils where safety cost repairs cannot be recovered. If ground conditions required, more frequent testing for example where cemeteries are prone to flooding, water tables have risen significantly due to climate change or there is **visual evidence** of other defects then more frequent testing may well be necessary. Rev Moor suggested that rather than to carry out one large and costly assessment, that the assessments are split into e.g. 4 areas with a rolling programme of each section being assessed each year, starting with the most vulnerable section. Members approved of this approach.
- d) **Tree maintenance:** Following the possible sighting of ash die back on two trees, an accurate assessment was difficult due to the excessive ivy growth on the trees. This has now been cut back and the trees will be inspected again once the ivy has died off. A large overhanging branch was also removed as deemed a risk to the public.
- e) **1st Garden of Rest:** The new fencing has now been installed and the whole garden tidied up by Phil & Sue Day. The Clerk has expressed our sincere thanks for their kind donation of the fencing and their time.

27-22 Date of next meeting

7pm on Wednesday 8th February 2023

