

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON
TUESDAY 15th. OCTOBER 2024.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Mrs. V.B. Cornes.

Councillors - M. Ahmad and Mrs. C.A. Lovatt.

Clerk - Mrs. L. J. Green.

16. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor M.F. Cunningham, Miss V.L. Salt & M.P. Worthington and it was resolved to accept these.
17. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9th. JULY 2024** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
18. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters arising.
19. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
20. **REVIEW OF BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS/ PURCHASE OF PLOTS/
BURIAL GROUND CHARGES 2025/2026** - The Clerk had circulated the regulations and the current charges. The advance purchasing of plots is not normally allowed in a Lawn Cemetery. Other than a designated area set aside. Councillor Cornes stated that she had researched charges, and they vary from hundreds to thousands dependent on location and size. The Clerk provided details of the charges over the last 10 years from 2015 until 2020 there were no increases. It then increased but is part of the reason we are behind with charges. There is no difference in charges between Burials and Garden of Remembrance which some cemeteries do because it takes up less space. As far as the regulations are concerned, we need to include details of the hierarchy for qualifying in terms of the connection as there is nothing written down. The two need to be combined and included for purchase in advance if this is decided. The Clerk suggested that we meet on site to look at the feasibility of designated area for advanced purchase. This will be arranged prior to the next committee meeting. The charges were discussed and proposed to increase from £230 to £300 for Burial Plot and £145 to £190 for interment. Garden of remembrance plot from £230 to £260 and £145 to £160 for interment. The same charge for Memorials increases from £75 to £85 & vase £35 to £40 These increases were proposed by Councillor Ahmad and seconded by Councillor Cornes this will allow us to catch up with other similar cemeteries.
21. **BURIAL GROUND MANAGEMENT PLAN** - It was agreed that Councillor Cornes and the Clerk will produce the new plan.
22. **UPDATE FROM RISK ASSESSMENTS - WORKS CARRIED OUT** - The Clerk reported that issues completed St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery the road has been patched to fill the holes. The new blind bend sign has been put up. Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery the bench has been refurbished. Tree Root removed at the Asylum Burial Ground. All highlighted items have been done.

23. **UPDATE ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY AGREED WORKS** - The Clerk reported that the handyman has started the works to put the border in. Once completed we will have to look at the disposal of the excess soil going forward.
24. **UPDATE MEMORIAL SAFETY CHECKS - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Diocese faculty has been submitted but not received a decision yet. Neither of the two headstones highlighted on Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery owners have made contact so at some point AES will have to go back and check them again and if necessary, lay them flat at a cost of £75 each. The Clerk stated we can do this at the same time as the inspection of St. Edwards.
25. **WORKS REQUIRED FOR ACCESSIBILITY - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that she has not yet investigated any grant funding but the two grant writers may be able to look at this when we have sorted the Solar Panels and Cheddleton Playing Fields.
26. **LEGACY EAR-MARKED RESERVE VERA HEATH - £500 - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - This funding could be used for planting the border and marking the funds provided by her legacy.
27. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk has reported the cables and Western Power have confirmed that these are BT cables so I will have to report it to them.
28. **COMPLETION OF RELOCATION MEMORIAL STONE - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - The Clerk reported that the memorial has now been relocated and put on its new plinth. The owner has confirmed that the roundabout will be removed and kept tidy.
29. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - The Clerk reported that she has a quote of £80 for the cutting of the laurel hedge and £70 for leaf removal and tidy when the leaves have shed. It was agreed to get these works carried out.
30. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - No further works required.
31. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No items raised.

Chairman
3rd. December 2024.