

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON
TUESDAY 11th. FEBRUARY 2025.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Mrs. V.B. Cornes.

Councillors - M. Ahmad, M.F. Cunningham and Mrs. C.A. Lovatt.

Clerk - Mrs. L. J. Green.

49. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from M.P. Worthington and it was resolved to accept these.
50. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd. DECEMBER 2024** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
51. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters arising.
52. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
53. **UPDATE FROM RISK ASSESSMENTS - WORKS CARRIED OUT** - The Clerk reported that all items have been carried out as reported in the risk assessment. The next risk assessments booked for 8th & 9th May 2025 for all 3 cemeteries.
54. **UPDATE MEMORIAL SAFETY CHECKS - ST. EDWARD'S/CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that AES are due to carry out the testing w/c 24/2/25 so the Diocese will be informed. Notices prepared for memorials should there be any risks found. The two reported at Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery with advisories from that inspection, the daughter of one of the memorial stones has been in contact with JBM Memorials to get it looked at for Mr & Mrs. Whilock, but the notice remains on the other outstanding but not high risk. It might be worth asking AES to check it again. Any stones requiring work the owners will be contacted and if AES deem them as being high risk they will be laid flat. Our Management Policy sets out the procedure.
55. **UPDATE BORDER PLANTING - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that she had contacted John Hall Wellness Garden and meeting with them to see if they can help plan the border and supply plants and maintain it. Councillor Ahmad stated that he has some roses to plant in the border. The Clerk will report back on the details of the meeting, and it was discussed that a budget may be required. Topsoil would be needed to fill the border and help with planting. Hopefully, we can help promote the charity and work together. We have the legacy ear-marked of £500 as a starting budget.
56. **UPDATE PLANNER FOR WORKS REQUIRED FOR ACCESSIBILITY - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk showed members the scale plan of the Cemetery to be able to plan the works required. The next row needs to be planned as previously discussed which will be for Burials on one side and cremated remains on the other facing a pathway right across with accessibility for wheelchairs and look at central seating area and to accommodate the next row on the other side of the path. It was discussed meeting with both the gravedigger and handyman to plot on the plan works to be carried out. Also to discuss what happens to the excess soil when future graves are prepared with the gravedigger

and if the grave plot holder has to bear the cost of its removal. The Clerk will make it a priority for this year to get the next row costed. To then plan and cost the path for next year. The Clerk stated that we had discussed the preparation of advanced buying of plots but feel that the next row and the pathway are the priority.

57. **LEGACY EAR-MARKED RESERVE VERA HEATH - £500 - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - It was agreed that this be used for the border and a tribute to her memory.
58. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk stated that there has been some sinking graves and complaints about just putting soil on top. Going forward it would be better to lift the turf and backfill then replace the turf which can be discussed with the gravedigger and handyman at the meeting onsite. The Clerk wanted to raise the issue of Memorial Regulations as she had received a request for a photo plaque and there is no mention as to whether they are allowed. She confirmed that there are several graves with them on the Headstone so suggested adding this into the Management Policy & Regulations with a specific size allowed. The wording also states that etching should be no higher than 6 inches but there are lots of Headstones already with etchings all over. Members agreed that it is misleading, and it would be better to make it simpler and include the photo plaque detailing with size. It was agreed to change the wording and make it clearer so the Clerk will send the replacement to all members to agree. The Clerk reported that one of the signs has been made safe as it was leaning. The Clerk reported that there is a rubber ramp at the Community Centre that could be installed on the driveway to slow vehicles down with signage. It was agreed to install it. All contractors will need to provide their public liability insurance before performing works on any of the cemeteries as it forms part of our new Management Policy.
59. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND** - The Clerk reported that the moss has been treated on the path and that the entrance needs to be tidied up by its owners so she will contact them.
60. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported just the two memorials highlighted previously which are moving.
61. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No items raised.

Chairman