



MINUTES of Cemetery Committee Meeting held Palgrave Community Centre at 6.30 pm on THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2017

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Present: Councillors V Pudney (Chairman), M Bootman, E Collins, K Mobbs. Also in attendance Phil Dyer (Cemetery Administrator), Sarah Foote (Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

3. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference adopted on 14 July 2016 were noted with no amendments.

4. Registration of Cemetery Land with Land Registry – Cllr Bootman explained that the latest White Paper put Mid Suffolk amongst the list of places to have up to 40% increase in housing and the requirement to register all public land by 2022. In order to proceed with the registration, there was a need to provide an estimate of the value of land as the fee for registration was determined by the value of the land. It was agreed to proceed with registering the land at an agreed value of £1,000 (it cost the Parish a nominal £1 and was predominantly consecrated ground). The Committee would need to consider appropriate financial provision in line with the valuation once the Land Registry fee had been determined.

5. Moles – £150 was agreed as a suggested fee to deal with current problems at Cemetery. This would be put to full Council for approval.

6. Dog Fouling – Phil Dyer reported that dogs on leads were currently allowed in the Cemetery under the Regulations. Dog fouling had increased. The MSDC Dog Fouling Act notice and words 'dogs to be kept on leads at all times' would be displayed at each of the three entry points to the Cemetery and the effect assessed. £75 was agreed as the appropriate budget to source the signs and this would be put to full Council for approval.

7. Gates - it was agreed the provision of a gate in the gap in the eastern hedge line would not currently be progressed until the effect of the above notices could be assessed.

8. Cemetery Administration – it was agreed that Diss Funeral Care (formerly Rackhams) should be contacted to provide a quotation for resetting the headstone which was tilted due to a large tree root at the pair of plots 37 and 38. The quotation would be considered by full Council. *Action: Mr P Dyer.*

The Clerk would check if Cemetery Regulations were published on the website. *Action: Clerk.*

Date of next meeting – 6.30 pm on Thursday 14 December 2017 where fees and charges would be considered.

19.15 Meeting closed.