

HUNTINGTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING

The general meeting of the Huntington Cemetery Committee (HCC) was held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at the Community Centre on Strensall Road, Huntington at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor D. Geogheghan-Breen (DB), Councillor M. Duncanson (MD), Councillor C. Hillman (CH), and Ms N. Fatima (Burial Clerk).

Apologies: Councillor A. Hawxby (AH), Councillor G. Shann (GS) and Councillor J. Shann (JS)

Declaration of Interest: Councillor C. Hillman (CH) declared an interest due to being an acquaintance of P&T contracts.

Matters Arising:

- The minutes of the last meeting dated 11th October 2022 were agreed upon and signed by the Chair.
- The accounts for Q3 2022 / 2023 were presented.

It was agreed they were a true and accurate representation of the current financial status.

- The Clerk Report detailed the Interments since the last meeting consisted of:

- ☐ Cremated Remains 18
- ☐ Full Burials 7

- Update of Burial Authority Rule 10

The Committee discussed the implications of the York Press [article](#) headlined the heartbreak over grave rules crackdown at Huntington Cemetery.

The Parish Clerk recommended the article be placed on the Cemetery notice board for all to see however the cemetery committee did not feel this was necessary as the burial clerk notice is already in place.

The HCC members agreed they will meet at the cemetery to write a list of all the plots that will have items removed.

Once this is done Nigel Hawking / John Cliffe will be contacted as to whether they have the capacity to undertake the removal of the items.

It was agreed the items will be packaged securely and placed in storage for 3 months to allow next of kin to pick up the items.

- To discuss the next steps of the extension

CH provided a quote from P&T contracts for roadworks & footpaths. The committee members discussed this in detail.

It is agreed once the committee has received three quotes of a similar nature a decision will be made on which to proceed.

CH mentioned he is currently in discussion with another contractor during the tendering process and will provide details in due course.

It was noted it was important to receive landscaping quotes so the grass can be laid.

Previous action points:

The burial Clerk added a notice to the cemetery website and the cemetery notice board to make users aware of the enforcement of Rule 10.

MD and GS placed any benches deemed unsafe behind the cemetery storage unit they will remove any plaques and dispose of the benches at a later date.

The burial Clerk contacted JS to request if she is willing to be included as a second authoriser. JS agreed and will complete the necessary paperwork in due course.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from several members of the public and Rachael Maskell (MP) regarding the enforcement of Rule 10.

After careful consideration, the decision to proceed with the enforcement of Rule 10 was agreed upon.

Any Other Business:

A quote for £450 was received from AAAUKDRAINAGE to carry out work on 1 section of the land drain in order to identify blockages. It was agreed this was acceptable and due to CH experience, he will be on-site when the work is done as a representative of the HCC.

A quote of £181.14 was received from The Safe Shop Ltd for the position of Delivery of the fireproof cabinet. Due to its value, it was unapproved. Instead, it was agreed members of the cemetery committee will assist the burial clerk in the positioning of the fireproof cabinet at the cemetery storage unit.

New action points:

The burial clerk is to organise a meeting with HCC members at the Cemetery to identify the plots where personal items will be removed.

Date of next meeting: 29th March 2023

Signed..... Dated.....
Chair