

Minutes of the Huntington Cemetery Committee (HCC) Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 commencing at 7:00 pm in Huntington Community Centre

Present; Councillor D.Geogheghan-Breen (DB), Councillor A. Hawxby (AH), Councillor M.Duncanson (MD) and N Fatima (Burial Clerk).

Members of the public: 5

1 1.1 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Councillor M.Gowland (MG) due to annual leave.

It was resolved to approve the apologies and reason for the absence.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2024 as a true and correct record

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 10th December 2024 meeting as a true and accurate record and are signed and dated by the Chair.

3. To approve the accounts for Q4 2024/2025

The accounts for Q4 2024 / 2025 were presented. It was resolved to approve as a true and accurate representation of the current financial status.

4. To receive the Clerks Report

The Clerk provided an update on the management of the cemetery.

It was noted that, between 11th December 2024 and 11th March 2025, there had been 6 interments of cremated remains and 6 full burials.

The path to the rockery has been completed.

Investigative work has been carried out to identify the causes of the drains and flooding.

On 24th Feb, photographs of the equipment in the cemetery hut were taken, with the intention of selling it.

Anti-fly tipping stickers, received from the City of York Council, have been placed on the cemetery bin.

5. To receive an update on the condensed version of the cemetery rules

The condensed version was discussed, agreed upon, and will be added to the website.

6. To approve the cemetery fees effective from April 2025

The [fees](#) were discussed and agreed upon, with the following conditions:

- Huntington residents must provide proof of address.
- Non-residents must obtain approval from the cemetery committee before interment can be scheduled.

7. To discuss the next steps for the extension

The extension is put on hold until further investigation into the drains and flood defense work to be undertaken is completed.

8. To receive an update on the removal of ash trees due to disease

Two dead branches have been removed, and we are waiting for the trees to develop leaves. Once they do, we will have a better idea of which trees are still dying and will make the necessary improvements.

9. Update on drainage

The contractor has dug down to identify the cause of the flooding but was unable to resolve the issue. An option to create a soakaway has been identified as a potential solution. A meeting will be held on-site with the Cemetery Committee to discuss this further.

10. Correspondence

The Friends of Huntington Cemetery have raised concerns about icy paths. Better provisions and grit distribution tools have now been provided in preparation for the next cold spell.

Luke Charters MP wrote on behalf of a constituent's concern regarding flooding around a plot. Investigative work is being undertaken as part of item 9.

Reports have been received of a needle being found, and following advice from the City of York Council, a process has been established to manage such incidents. These should be reported to the police via 101 (non-emergency line) or online at North Yorkshire Police. Additionally, it is recommended that they be reported to the City of York Council by calling 01904 551550.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting – TBC

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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