

**ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on Thursday
12 January 2023 at Milestone Academy commencing at 10.00am**

Present: Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr I MacLeod
Mr B Parlett (arrived 10.10am)

In attendance: Mrs A de Jager – Parish Clerk

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs Connell
PROPOSED that Cllr Mrs Clucas is elected Chairman for the meeting.
SECONDED: Cllr I MacLeod and AGREED.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M Brown, Cllr Mrs Brammer, Cllr M Manley and Rev H Reeves. The apologies were accepted.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2022 were approved and signed.

4. Memorial Garden

The article placed in the Bulletin has resulted in enquires being made.

5. Future Provision

It was NOTED that the groundsman had identified an additional five graves in section Z behind the bench. Two of these spaces have been allocated. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that as there are so few spaces left in the burial ground, that the Parish Council writes to local solicitors advising that the interment of cremated remains will be the only option should residents wish to be buried in Ash Burial Ground. SECONDED: Cllr I MacLeod and AGREED.

6. Memorials

No report.

7. Maintenance

7.1 Members were taken through the photographs. It was NOTED that there were Christmas decorations on many of the graves. It was

NOTED that Cllr Mrs Howie had arranged for the hedge to be cut between the Burial Ground and neighbouring paddock.

7.2 Paving – a quote received from Kent Grasslands to purchase and install paving around the wall memorial bench was received in the amount of £450.00. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the quote is accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

7.3 Moles – a quote for the removal of moles has been received as £60 for the first mole trapped, and then £10 per mole thereafter. It is estimated that there are between three and four moles active in the Burial Ground and two and three moles active in the Churchyard near the Burial Ground. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the quote is accepted and that the areas in the Churchyard are cleared at the same time, with permission from the Church Warden. SECONDED: Cllr I MacLeod and AGREED.

8. Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting is set for Tuesday 18 April 2023 at the New Ash Green Village Association meeting room at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 10.43am

Signed: Date: