

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

**Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on Monday  
21 January 2019 in the Viewing Gallery of Ash Green Sports Centre commencing at  
4.00pm**

Present: Cllr M Brown  
Cllr Mrs Brammer  
Cllr Mrs Clucas  
Cllr Mrs Connell  
Cllr Mrs Howie (arrived 16.08)  
Cllr M Manley  
Mr B Parlett (arrived 16.11)

In attendance: Mrs A de Jager – Parish Clerk

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Declaration of Interests**

None

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

**4. Memorial Garden**

4.1 Planning Permission – It was NOTED that the decision is due on 08 February 2019. Comments have been received from Historic England, the SDC Conservation Officer, Tree Officer and Public Rights of Way. The arboriculturalist noted that ' A mature Oak tree is located to the immediate south of the southern end of the proposed wall as well as mixed group of mature trees adjacent to the northern end of the proposed wall. I have no issue with the wall being constructed but there is potential for root damage when excavating the foundations. I therefore suggest that a condition be attached to any consent provided for the applicant to provide a method statement on how they intend to avoid root damage during the works.' This will be included in the specification for quotations. No other concerns were raised by respondents.

**5. Current Maintenance Needs**

- 5.1 Photographs – members were taken through the photographs noting maintenance needs. The Clerk will write to the Grant of Right owners.
- 5.2 Moles – there is no evidence of mole activity.

**6. Future Provision**

- 6.1 The current availability was NOTED.
- 6.2 The response from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management regarding the layout and possible introduction of additional grave spaces was NOTED.
- 6.3 The letter from Savills advising that the Diocese of Rochester do not wish to proceed with a disposal of the Glebe land at Ridley.
- 6.4 Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that a letter is sent to Mr J Scott regarding the possibility that he may have reconsidered his position with offering land for a Burial Ground. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

**9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be held on 11 March 2019 at 4pm

The meeting closed at 4.54pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....