

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE

**Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on Thursday
23 September 2021 at Ash Green Sports Centre commencing at 10.00am**

Present: Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr Mrs Howie
Mr B Parlett
Cllr J Scott

In attendance: Mrs A de Jager – Parish Clerk

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Brammer, Cllr M Brown, 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 23 June 2021 were approved and signed.

4. Memorial Garden

Members were advised that there have been three interments and that the system is working well. More enquiries are being received about the memorial garden.

5. Future Provision

5.1 It was NOTED that there are 4 burial spaces left in the burial ground.

6. Maintenance

6.1 Grass-cutting – six complaints have been received regarding the grass-cutting. The Clerk has met the contractor at the burial ground. He has explained that this was a particularly unusual growing season in that there has not been a period of hot dry weather, and so the grass has retained the moisture in addition to fast growth due to the conditions. She witnessed the strimming being done and noted a 'cloud' of spray from the grass. This causes the cuttings to stick to the memorials. It was AGREED that if similar conditions occur, an additional cut will be introduced so that the grass is cut three times in a two week period. It was suggested that a sheet could be used to cover the graves when strimming

6.2 Members were taken through the photographs. An article will be placed in the Bulletin regarding the dumping of rubbish in the burial ground. The contract will be asked to spray the grass that is encroaching the pathway and to spray weeds on some of the graves.

7. Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting is set for Thursday 10 November at Ash Green Sports Centre, commencing at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 10.42am

Signed: Date: