

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Barrowby Burial Ground Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30th July 2024 at the Reading Room, Barrowby at 1.30pm

There were no members of the public present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (24/001)

- 1.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve that Councillor Lees is the Chairman of this committee.

2. WELCOME REMARKS (24/002)

- 2.1 The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Those in attendance were Councillors Lees, Brown, Staunton and the Clerk Mrs J Moss.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (24/003)

- 3.1 Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor Footitt.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 (24/004)

- 4.1 None received.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (24/005)

- 5.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 9th April 2024.
- 5.2 Actions from the previous meeting were noted to have been completed apart from removal of the small sign at the entrance to the Burial Ground.

6. BURIAL GROUND MATTERS ARISING (24/006)

- 6.1 Members noted that there have been 2 burials, 4 interments, 3 Grants and 2 memorials purchased since the previous meeting.
- 6.2 Members received an update on maintenance carried out since the last meeting:
1. The levelled graves will need to be seeded in the Autumn and there may be other graves that need to be levelled and seeded too. Councillors Lees and Brown will meet the contractor at the Burial Ground in early September.
Action: The Clerk to arrange a meeting in early September.
 2. One of the fence posts on the field side needs replacing. This can be looked at when meeting the contractor in September to get a quote.
 3. It was noted that a whisky bottle and glasses have been placed on a grave. These will be removed and held for 3 months before disposing of.
Action: The Clerk to write to the owners of the grave and advise that the glass items have been removed and can be collected within 3 months.
- 6.3 It was retrospectively **RESOLVED** to approve the grave digger will level and grass seed the 4 plots that require work.
- 6.4 Councillor Lees said that grass seed has been purchased for grave G9 and will be sowed in early September. It was also noted that plastic flowers have been put on the grave but that a family member has said these will be removed by September.
- 6.5 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of £200 to the grave digger to test specific double depth graves to confirm that the first burial has been dug at the correct depth.
Action: The Clerk to liaise with the grave digger as to what graves need to be tested and when.
- 6.6 Members discussed the provision of a woodland area and agreed that there is not enough space to do this but a wildflower area may be an alternative.
Action: The Clerk to contact NAMM and discuss whether ashes can be scattered in an informal area and if records need to be kept.

7. FINANCES (24/007)

7.1 Members noted the forecast figures for 2024/25.

Action: The Clerk to get an update on the bequest and ask when the money is likely to be received.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (24/008)

8.1 The next meeting will be held on Friday 8th November at 1.30pm at the Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 2.05pm.