

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Barrowby Burial Ground Committee Meeting held on Friday 27th June 2025 at the Reading Room, Barrowby at 1.45pm

In attendance:

Cllr Tim Lees and Cllr Jo Footitt

Officer in attendance:

Claire Vink (Parish Clerk)

This meeting was not quorate. This is a record of the notes on the discussions had. It was NOTED that no decisions could be made at this meeting

PUBLIC FORUM at 1.40pm: 2 members of the public were present.

1. PUBLIC FORUM:

Public representation was made to request a memorial bench to be sited under the trees behind grave plot G9. Final design of the bench was requested with a preference for wooden. To be shared with committee for comment. Installation to be covered by member of public, maintenance of bench to be taken on by Parish Council.

2. WELCOME REMARKS

No election of Chair was possible. Cllr Lees led the discussions.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Paul Brown

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

None received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NOTED that this will have to be carried forward to the next meeting.

5. BURIAL GROUND MATTERS ARISING

- a) Members of the public left the meeting at this point.
- b) Update requested on legacy left to Burial Ground for maintenance. **Action Clerk to contact RFO for update.**
- c) It was **NOTED** that there have been no burials or cremations in the 6 weeks the Clerk has been in post. **Action Clerk to bring to the next meeting the total number of burials and cremations in the 6 months prior to that date.**
- d) Double depth testing is still required. A presence was requested of the PC at the testing. **Action: Clerk to speak to Nick Parker and pass on any dates booked.**
- e) Hemsteads have not reported any issues with the current state of the Burial Ground. **Action: Clerk to arrange an inspection of the Burial Ground to ensure compliance of graves with the rules.**
- f) It was **NOTED** that maintenance of the fence in between the burial ground and the field is required. **Action Clerk to add to next Agenda**
- g) Discussion of natural burial ground area and consecrated area to be carried over to next agenda. Explore options for having an accurate map of the burial ground completed. **Action Clerk to contact Rev'd Sarah Tierney to discuss options and then add to next Agenda.**
- h) Review of policy regarding wooden crosses. **Action Clerk to review policy relating to marking of graves to reflect that wooden crosses will be removed after 12 months. If there is no headstone, no pots or other obstructions to maintenance can be place on the grave. An alternative to a headstone is a plinth with the grass. Request for Roses to have a time limit eg 10 years to allow others to have their rose planted. Policy**

changes to be presented for approval at the next meeting.

- i) It was **NOTED** that quotes were being obtained for Ash tree die back maintenance. **Action: Clerk to update at the next meeting.**

6. FINANCES

To be noted at the next meeting

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 10th October at 1.30pm at the Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.