

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY
COMMITTEE HELD in METHODIST HALL
on WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2016 AT 7.15pm.**

PRESENT: Mr. J. Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr S Chorley and Mr. J. Morgan.
Mrs. S. Jennings (Clerk & Registrar).

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

3. UPDATE ON THE BIN STORE

Cllr Cirrone had contacted the benefactor regarding the bin store. It has been agreed that Cllr Cirrone will contact the supplier of the bricks and ask if they can be returned and the contractor reimbursed. The contractor will then reimburse the benefactor.

The Parish Council will then need to employ a new contractor to complete the work and the benefactor has kindly agreed to contribute 50% of the cost.

4. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST TO GIFT A CEMETERY PLOT AS A GOODWILL GESTURE.

The Clerk explained that a burial had been requested and the Funeral Director had said in advance that they would try and dig a double depth plot but due to the wet weather and the sandy soil it may not be possible. On the application form the purchaser has indicated that if a double depth was not possible they would like to purchase the adjacent plot.

It was not possible to dig a double depth plot and it has now been requested that the Parish Council gift the adjacent plot to the family.

After some discussion and looking at the plot purchase application form councillors proposed to recommend at the main meeting that the request is declined the request

5. TO DISCUSS THE HEADSTONE ARRANGEMENT AT THE PARISH CEMETERY

The arrangement of the burial graves and position of the headstones were discussed. It was acknowledged that when the cemetery was first established a mistake was made by arranging the first row of graves too close to the boundary. Subsequently the hedge has grown and it is now difficult to walk along the first row as the hedge has grown over the footpath.

The second row of graves has now been started but there is a small footpath separating the first and second rows.

It was agreed the second row position is correct and that the clerk would ask if the hedge along the first row be cut a little further back.

6. EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR 2015/16:

The accounts summary had been prior circulated and showed an income for THE YEAR 2015/16 of £1495 and an expenditure of £1151.76.

5. REPORT ON PURCHASED GRAVE SPACES; INTERMENTS and HEADSTONES FOR 2015/16 to date:

Two Ashes plot tablet
One full plot reservation
Three ashes plot reservations
Two headstones

6. REPORT ON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:

Cllr Roberts has been tidying the general cemetery area.

Cllr Cirrone is repairing the bench

The car park needs to be sprayed with weed killer.

7. OTHER MATTERS.

There were no other matters.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those for attending, and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.