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QUENIBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes and Cemetery Management Committee held at 7.30 pm in the Parish Council Meeting Room on Wednesday, 3rd April 2024

PRESENT:	Cllr R Green (Chair) Cllr S Wright	Cllr M Winterton Cllr D Warner Cllr C Payne
NOT PRESENT:	Cllr S McKenzie	Mrs R Barlow Skinner (Clerk)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs T Willson (Deputy Clerk)	Mrs S Farrell (Cemetery Clerk/Groundsman)

8248 Apologies received and accepted
Cllr S McKenzie and Mrs R Barlow-Skinner (Clerk).

8249 Declaration of Councillor's interest and requests for dispensation
None.

8250 Matters arising from The General Purposes and Cemetery Management Committee meeting held on 7th February 2024
None.

8251 Cemetery Management Report (Cemetery Clerk to report)
The Cemetery Clerk reported:

- That only strimming can be done at the moment as the grass is too wet for the mowing to start.
- The mole problem has been resolved.
- The Rosemary bush in the Garden of Remembrance has died. A resident has kindly offered a replacement rosemary bush from their garden. Cllr Winterton advised there are many different varieties of Rosemary bushes.

RESOLVED: That the Cemetery Clerk clarify with the resident and volunteers at the cemetery the offered bush is the correct variety.

- People are kindly donating food for the birds in the Cemetery. The Deputy Clerk advised there is £22.91 of the £150 donation left to buy bird food.

8252 Rodent Infestation in storage shed
The Groundsman had reported a rat problem in the storage shed, A1 pest control has been out and cleared the rats. There was a potential Health and Safety issue for the Groundsman to clean and disinfect the shed as Weil's disease can be contracted from the urine of infected rats. A quote was obtained from Rentokil to clean the shed for £901.12. A1 pest control was able to carry out the work for £140.00.

8253 Review of Rules and Regulations
The Deputy Clerk has contacted Gambles of Syston and the Grave Digger for information and advice on the maximum number of interments in one plot at other local Cemeteries.
RESOLVED That the maximum number of full burials in one plot remains at two. That an amendment be made to allow up to six caskets of cremated remains, in addition to two full burials in the same plot (Exercise of Rights No.6).

The current Rules and Regulations do not include anything relating to a parishioner moving out of the village into a nursing home.

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RESOLVED: That the Rules be amended to account for any resident moving into a nursing home for up to five years before they have died, having the same entitlements as a parishioner.

8254 Swimming Pool Update

The Clerk has received a reply from Swim England who have offered to meet to give fundraising advice.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a meeting with Swim England in the next couple of weeks. That Cllr Payne speak to a representative from the Church to establish the cost of purchasing the Swimming Pool before the meeting.

8255 Planning Poster (2nd) Draft

The Clerk has amended the wording. The background colour has also been altered following a request from Cllr Grimley, as he felt the green could be seen as an endorsement by the Parish Council of a political party during the purdah period.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agree to leave the poster in the original colour of green. The Clerk to include in next month's Gazette.

8256 Review of Asset List

The Deputy Clerk has been reviewing and updating the Asset List, some items still need to be clarified.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk arrange for a valuation of the Parish Office and brick storage sheds on Rearsby Road and the Cemetery.

8257 Investment Accounts

The Clerk has looked at several banks/building societies, unfortunately Parish Councils do not qualify for most Business Accounts or Charitable Accounts. The best two accounts the Clerk has found are Nationwide 2.25% variable or Unity Trust 2.75% variable. Unity Trust have deposit accounts which offer better interest rates if the money is tied up i.e. 6 months 4%, 12 months 4.85% etc. The NS&I was 1%.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact other local Parish Councils for information on the accounts they use before the next full Council meeting.

8258 Requests for Memorials

A request has been received for a tree near plot S1 in the new burial area.

RESOLVED: That the Cemetery Clerk obtain more information regarding the exact spot, type of tree and size before a decision can be made.

8259 Planning Applications

None.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm