

QUENIBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes and Cemetery Management Committee held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 5th June 2024. The meeting was at the Cemetery, South Croxton Road, Queniborough

PRESENT:

Cllr R Green (in the Chair)
Cllr S McKenzie
Cllr S Wright
Cllr M Winterton

Mrs R Barlow-Skinner (Clerk)
Mrs S Farrell (Cemetery Clerk/Groundsman)

24-26 Apologies received and accepted

Cllr C Payne, Cllr D Grimley and Teresa Willson, Deputy Clerk.

24-27 Election of Chairman for the forthcoming year

Cllr Winterton proposed and Cllr McKenzie seconded Cllr Green, who accepted.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Green be re-elected as Chair of the Committee for 2024/25.

24-28 Declaration of Councillor's interest and requests for dispensation

None.

24-29 Matters arising from The General Purposes and Cemetery Management Committee meeting held on 3rd April 2024.

8254 Swimming Pool Update – The Clerk confirmed there were no further updates since the application was made to Charnwood to make the swimming pool a Community Asset.

24-30 Inspection of the Cemetery

Results of Tree Survey

The committee inspect all trees identified in the tree survey as Priority 1 and agreed that T6, T24, T37, T38, TT39, T40, T41, T42, T43 should have the identified deadwood removed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Roma to quote for this work.

T29 was identified with advanced stages of Ash dieback in December, however the Committee agreed to monitor this tree as there had been significant re-growth during Spring.

RESOLVED: Groundsman to monitor and report to the Clerk if the tree shows significant decline.

T31 Cheery Plum tree was identified with Ganoderma present at the base, the Committee inspected the tree and agreed it would not be appropriate to fell this tree as present.

RESOLVED: Groundsman to monitor and report to the Clerk if the tree shows significant risk due to location near the road.

T10 needs the stake and tie removing

RESOLVED: That the Groundsman carryout this work.

Yew Trees – These were inspected and they are now doing well, however one tree is leaning significantly, the Groundsman suggested using a stake to correct this.

RESOLVED: That the Groundman use the removed stake from T10 for this tree.

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Wildflower Meadow – This was mowed last year in August by Mr Emery, he was also able to dispose of the bales even though it contained Ragwort.

RESOLVED: That the Groundsman should instruct Mr Emery to carryout the mowing.

The Clerk reported that the Deputy Clerk would be starting on the application for consecrating this ground during the summer recess.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk update Council once this process was underway.

Turfing and Seeding of Graves

This is ongoing, the Committee asked the Clerk to get prices for some new roles of turf from Derry's.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk get prices for consideration at the next Council meeting.

24-31 Cemetery Management Report

The Cemetery Clerk reported that;

- There had been an increase in rabbit activity this year, the Committee agreed that as this has not impacted on any grave spaces no action would be necessary.
- A few mole hills had been identified but not in great numbers. Cllr Green suggested using ultrasonic mole deterrent stakes as this was a more humane way to discourage the moles.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk research and find prices for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

- More volunteers have come forward to help out at the Cemetery, the Clerk confirmed that the current insurance would cover extra volunteers.

RESOLVED: Cemetery Clerk to record names and addresses of the new volunteers for Council records.

- The two dead Rosemary bushes in the Garden of Remembrance need replacing.

RESOLVED: That the Groundsman purchase on account for planting by the volunteers.

24-32 Rodent Problems

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a visitor to the cemetery who had seen rats feeding on bird food on the floor near the memorial benches. The Groundsman has now moved the birdfeeders away from all benches and they have been placed at a suitable height.

RESOLVED: That the Groundman ensure that bird food is not left on the ground.

24-33 Investment Account

The Clerk reported that the new savings account was now open but the current balance was Nil. She has checked over the last two years of Bank Statements and recommended transferring £40,000 of reserve funds into the Redwood Account, this would ensure that the current account was now protected by the FSCS guarantee.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk set up the transfer of funds of £40,000 for authorisation by the Chairman and Vice Chairman at the next Council meeting.

24-34 Requests for Memorials

Further information obtained for planting a tree near plot S1 in the new burial area, as discussed at the last Committee Meeting. The family would like to plant a Weeping Cherry tree which would grow up to a maximum of 4 metres, between the existing trees T31 and T32. The Committee agreed that this would be acceptable.

RESOLVED: That the Cemetery Clerk inform the family this request had been accepted.

24-35 Planning Applications

P/24/0835/2 Erection of single storey front and side extensions with associated rendering. 49 Glebe Road Queniborough Leicestershire LE7 3FH

RESOLVED: That the Council have no objections to this application but would like neighbours views to be taken into account.

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P/24/0917/2 Conversion of part of rear side bay window to door for wheelchair access (Listed Building Consent). 6 The Hall Queniborough Hall Drive Queniborough Leicestershire LE7 3DZ

RESOLVED: That providing the correct materials are used for this conversion the Parish Council would have no objection to this application.

The meeting finished at 8:05pm