



DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Julie Fortnum

Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 7.45pm at The Institute.

Present: Councillors Barber, Shinkins, Stevens, Thomas and Bowell as ex-officio
The Assistant Clerk took the minutes

19.18 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Ward

20.18 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None declared

21.18 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2017

Agreed and signed as a true copy

22.18 To receive the Clerks report and matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

The community payback team have completed a number of tasks in the Cemetery including removing weeds from burial plots, cleaning headstones collecting fallen leaves and cutting back hedging.

A supply of gravel has been ordered to replenish the pathways in the old Cemetery. This work will be carried out the community payback team.

Councillor Stevens passed on thanks from a resident for the work that the community payback team have been doing to make the area at Low Locks tidy, with cleared access to the pathway.

23.18 To receive a report concerning the damage to the trees on the western boundary of the old Cemetery and the application for planning permission to do some work on these trees

A local resident whose property borders the Old Cemetery informed the office that the high winds during the night of 17/18 January 2018 had led to one tree falling down and one tree being badly damaged along the western boundary. Due to the high risk and health and safety implications of this a contractor was contacted to complete the work to remove the fallen tree and make safe the damaged one. The Clerk advised the planning department that this work was taking place sharing photographs with the Planning Officer who confirmed that based on the photographs the two damaged trees were exempt from the need for an application. The trees have been removed and there has been no damage to head stones.

Since then a planning application has been submitted to South Kesteven District Council to reduce the height of the remaining trees along the western boundary by 60% and remove 5 Lleyandii trees, to limit future risk of the above incident occurring again. A quotation has been obtained from the same contractor who did the work on the trees on the northern boundary and the damaged trees.

Any member of the public can attend all Council and Committee meetings to see the work of the Council.

Full Council meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month which start with a 30 minute public forum for questions and issues to be raised.

24.18 To receive a report on the number of interments and reservations since the last committee meeting

Type	Number
Interment in grave plots	1
Interments in cremated remains plots	3 (2 double depth)
Reservations of grave plots	3
Reservations of cremated remains plots	2 double depth as above

Date of the next meeting – 21 June 2018 at 7.45pm at The Cemetery