

# Banwell Parish Council



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CEMETERY AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE HELD AT BANWELL VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

**Present:** Cllr Weston (Chairman), Cllr Paul Blatchford (vice-chairman), Cllr Paul Bateman, Cllr Steve Davies, Cllr Angela Haden and John Keate, Richard Tolmie (co-optees).

**In attendance:** Liz Shayler (Clerk).

**10/17 To receive apologies for absence (Agenda item 1)**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jo Arnold and Phil Hale

**11/17 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item. (Agenda item 2)**

John Keate declared an interest as the groundworks contractor.

**12/17 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the cemetery and memorials committee on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (Agenda item 3)**

**Resolved** – That the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (4 in favour 3 abstentions due to absences at the last meeting).**

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**13/17 To invite public participation (Agenda item 4)**

No members of the public were present.

**14/17 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information: (Agenda item 5)**

- (i) Cemetery Wall Steels and Groundworks – The groundworks are underway. All holes are dug and 50% have been concreted. The contractors hope to have the steels in place and be finish by the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- (ii) Phase 1 of the replacement of the headstones along the East Wall has been completed. Just waiting for one final headstone to be replaced as family had requested a second inscription to be completed by another memorial mason. It is hoped that Phase 2 can be completed during May.

**15/17 To discuss placement of the Mr & Mrs Rodwell's memorial Camelia in the memorial garden with associated plaque.**

**Resolved** – The Camelia cannot be planted in the memorial garden for the following reasons.

- (i) Unfortunately, the PH is incorrect for a Camelia bush and with the addition of scattered cremated remains it continues to raise the PH which Camelia's don't like.
- (ii) The Camelia bush although a medium shrub will take over a large part of the small memorial garden.
- (iii) The memorial garden is exposed and Camelia's like sheltered locations.

The alternate suggestion is that the Camelia is planted in the location it is at the moment. The PH here is lower, it has plenty of room to grow and it is sheltered by the West and North Wall. The family have permission to erect a plaque in either the memorial garden or with the repositioned Camelia tree.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (Unanimous).**

**16/17 To agree the purchase of grass seed.**

**Resolved** – To agree the purchase an acre pack of grass seed.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (Unanimous).**

**17/17 To discuss the removal of the green waste from the Graveyard.**

The Clerk has spoken to Dignity who are contracted by North Somerset to maintain closed Churchyards. They will speak to Glendale who in turn are contracted to undertake the groundwork to see if they can move the green waste.

**18/17 To note the budget**

The budget was noted

**19/17 Date of next meeting (Agenda item 9)**

7pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 in Banwell Cemetery

The meeting closed at 7:20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....