# Minutes of the Cemeteries Committee Meeting of Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council.

# Held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook, on Wednesday 20th September 2023, Immediately After the Halls Committee Meeting.

## Present.

Councillors S Cresswell (Acting Chair), G Markwell, S Fraser-Burton and J Fazackerley.

## Also, Present.

Councillor G Maskalick, S Kitchener (Clerk and RFO) and 14 members of public.

## 165/09/23 Noted Apologies for Absence.

Councillors K Thomas (holiday) and C Millward (health).

## 166/09/23 Approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 24th May 2033.

Proposed by Councillor S Cresswell, seconded by Councillor S Fraser-Burton and all unanimously agreed that the minutes be approved as a true record and were signed by the Chair at the meeting.

## 167/09/23 Variation of Order of Business.

None.

## 168/09/23 Declarations of Members Interests.

None.

## 169/09/23 Committee Items for Discussion/Action/Update.

### Consider Allowing Kerbs Back into the Cemetery.

Councillor S Fraser-Burton mentioned the reason that kerbs are excluded is to ease the pressure on the grounds maintenance team, mowing a lawn cemetery is straight forward costing considerably less but kerbs cause extra strimming and time. The interior of the kerbs would be maintained by the families but as generations pass it tends to become the role of the grounds maintenance team to maintain at an extra cost and it is unfair to pass these charges onto the residents through the precept.

Councillor G Markwell mentioned the only maintenance the grounds maintenance team could do for the interior of the kerbs would be to spray weed killer and the Parish Council want to use weed killer as little as possible due to the biodiversity issue.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor S Cresswell, Seconded by Councillor S Fraser-Burton and all unanimously agreed to keep to the ruling of no kerbs within the cemetery.

### Discuss and Agree on the Proposed Budget for 2024/25, to go to the Finance Committee Meeting in November 2023- See Appendix 1.

The Clerk mentioned that the previous Council voted to continue the path to the right had side of the cemetery, taking it up to the cremation ground and across the cemetery to join the middle path, **ACTION** this will be included into the budget for 2025/26.

**RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor S Cresswell, seconded by Councillor S Fraser-Burton and all unanimously agreed to accept the budget figures.

## 170/09/23 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next Cemeteries Committee meeting will be called on the 22nd November 2023, if it is required.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19:37.

### **Appendix 1**

budget proposal