

ELLESMERE TOWN COUNCIL CEMETERY WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30th January 2020
AT ELLESMERE TOWN HALL

Members Present:

Chair : Paul Goulbourne

Vice Chair : Graham Dyke

Councillors : John Baker, Pat Clubbe, Geoff Elner, John Frost and Anne Wignall

Public Participation Session

No members of the public were present this evening.

Apologies Received

Apologies had been received from Councillor Kay Egerton.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

No disclosures were made.

Public Participation Session

Nothing further was discussed.

01/20 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2019 are confirmed, approved and signed.

02/20 Matters Arising :

Cemetery Regulations update (for approval)

The CC gave Councillors copies of amendments he had made to Section 10.b of the Regulations relating to the elapsed time before a headstone may be sited on a new grave. These were unanimously approved by Councillors and the CC will now advise relevant interested parties.

03/20 Financial Information received from ETC

The CC had previously e-mailed Councillors with relevant financial information for the CWG which had been received from Jo Butterworth.

04/20 Cemetery Co-ordinator's Report

Since our last meeting on 5th December there have been seven interments. Four were coffin interments into new double graves in the P Section and three were cremated remains interments with one a re-opening in the old Memorial Garden Section, one a new double plot in the Memorial Garden Extension area and one into an existing grave in the C Section.

Steve Jones, of Hughes & Jones stonemasons, had been in touch regarding Memorials Testing. He advised that the cemetery would need sectioning off to make it more understandable. Each section can then be monitored on the five year rotation which is recommended for monitoring the safety of memorials. Two people will be required for the process of this work and the cost of this will be based on a per day rate rather than a per memorial or per hour rate. This per day rate will be £350+VAT. He would expect to have the memorials tested and recorded over a period of time and, at the same time, the cemetery put into relevant sections for future reference and use.

 2/2/2020

The CC advised Councillors that he had spoken to Gary Jones of Groundforce recently and again thanked him and his staff for all the efforts they had put in at the cemetery. The CC asked Gary to cut back the roadside hedge at the top of the cemetery on both sides.

The CC advise that recently a mole had made an appearance in the are where the old tarmac path had been removed and re-turfed last Summer. The CC mentioned this to Gary and he contacted a John Matthews who is currently looking at the situation for us. Gary then advised that he had now taken John on as an employee of Groundforce. The cost of the mole removal will be £105.00

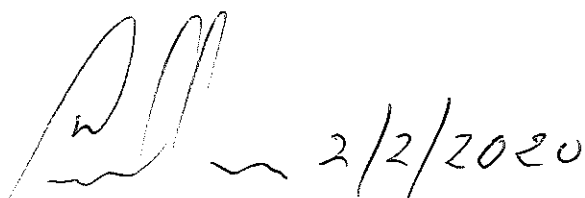
Income received by the CC for the year to date is :

Interments	£4,365.00
Headstones / MV	£2,390.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>£6,755.00</u>

Date of next scheduled meeting

Thursday 26th March 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in Ellesmere Town Hall.

End of meeting.

A handwritten signature, possibly 'R. M.', followed by the date '2/2/2020'.