

**ELLESMERE TOWN COUNCIL CEMETERY WORKING GROUP  
MINUTES OF "ZOOM" MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Members Present:**

Chair : Paul Goulbourne

Councillors : John Baker, Pat Clubbe, Graham Dyke, Kay Egerton, Geoff Elner,  
John Frost & Graham Hutchinson

**Public Participation Session**

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

**Apologies Received**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Tim Hunter and Anne Wignall.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

No disclosures were made.

**Public Participation Session**

Not applicable.

**08/21 Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 are confirmed, approved and signed.

**09/21 Matters Arising :**

There were no specific matters arising other than those on tonight's Agenda.

**10/21 Metal benches and arbour for the Cemetery**

Councillor Baker advised that he had spoken to Mike Jones regarding the proposed benches and arbour. As yet Mike, who is extremely busy with other work, has not made a start on these. Mike said that he would complete the work as soon as he possibly could. Councillor Baker hoped that this might be by the end of April or beginning of May. The CC advised Councillors that, in order to secure the benches in the Cemetery, Mike would extend the legs of the benches and arbour by about a foot and they would then be placed directly into four holes each in the ground and then post-creted in situ. The cost quoted by Mike to do this was £50 for each item and thus the total cost to site the three benches and the arbour would be £200. Once in situ then Councillors could decide if they wanted them left to be trimmed around or possibly put gravel under each.

**11/21 Old Workhouse Cemetery**

The CC said that, prior to tonight's meeting, he had contacted the Town Clerk, Jo Butterworth, but she said that she had no news to report on the matter. Jo also advised that she has a meeting scheduled soon with Shropshire Council Assets Department and as soon as she receives any update she will let us know.

*R 20/5/2021*

**12/21 CWG Press release (as proposed by Councillor Wignall)**

Councillors agreed to leave this in abeyance for the time being. The CC will include this again on the Agenda for our next due meeting in May.

**13/21 Financial Information received from ETC**

As normal the CC had previously e-mailed Councillors with all relevant financial information relating to the CWG he had received prior to tonight's meeting. This showed that the finances of the CWG continue to be in a healthy state.

**14/21 Cemetery Co-ordinator's Report**

The CC advised Councillors that since our last meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January there had only been one interment at the Cemetery. This was into a new cremated remains plot in the Memorial Garden extension area.

Jones and Hughes, stonemasons, have now sited an additional eighteen cement plinths in the Memorial Garden extension area which now give an additional two rows (20 plots) going forward.

The new boiler was installed in the Lodge on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

As yet, we have still not utilised the new Q Section for new double or triple graves but it will only be a matter of time before we do so.

The CC had been over at the Cemetery yesterday and noted that Groundforce have done the first grass cutting of the year.

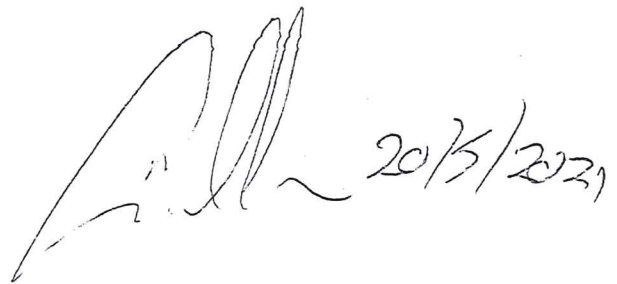
The CC advised Councillors that the Income he had received for the year to date was :

Interments	£6,620.00
Headstones / MV	£2,400.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>£9,020.00</u>

**Date of next scheduled meeting (either face to face or by "ZOOM" – to be clarified)**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

End of meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date '20/5/2021'.