

**PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL
CEMETERY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 25th July 2019**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cemetery Committee** held on Thursday 25th July 2019, at Cemetery Chapel, Defford Road, Pershore commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllr D Annis (Chairman)
Cllr P Brookbank
Cllr R Gillmor
Cllr J Hemming
Cllr J Palfrey
Cllr C Parsons MBE
Cllr V Smith

Items referred by members of the public

There were none

001. Apologies

There were none

002. Declarations of Interest

There were none

003. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Gillmor and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 23rd May 2019 be signed as a true record of the proceedings.

004. Matters of report from the minutes

There were none

005. Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Brookbank, seconded by Cllr Hemming and RESOLVED that the draft budget comparison to the end of July be accepted.

006. Cemetery Chapel

a. Members agreed to continue to raise funds to cover this shortfall and considered various fund raising activities as follows:-

- The Clerk reported that she had tried on several occasions to contact the Navy News to advertise the crests but to no avail. It was suggested that the crests be advertised for sale on ebay with photographs of 5 initially to see

what response there was. Cllr Brookbank agreed to assist with this.

- Cllr Brookbank had agreed to liaise with Cllr Annis regarding the sale of his World War One history books and it was felt that these would be difficult to sell. It was agreed these be put on the bric a brac stall at the Plum Fair.
- In view of Henry Sandon's current indisposition it was agreed to defer a decision on the valuation afternoon and talk.
- Cllrs Hemming and Palfrey asked that a decision regarding a date for a skittles evening be deferred to the September meeting.
- The Clerk had contacted a local musician to ascertain whether the chapel would be suitable for small music events but to date they had not been to visit the chapel. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Hemming in this regard.
- Cllrs Annis, Hemming and Smith agreed to help with the bric a brac stall but it was felt that at least 6 volunteers would be needed. The Clerk will ask other co-councillors if they could assist and if not the stall may not be able to take place.
- Cllr Parsons agreed to hold a quiz for the window – date to be confirmed

Following debate it was agreed to recommend to Council that fund raising continue until the end of this financial year but then cease with the Town Council funds providing any shortfall.

b. Members considered the proposed service for bereaved parents of children under the age of 18. The Clerk advised that, depending upon the date, the Mayor's Chaplain would be prepared to take the service but in view of the current workload it had not been possible for this to be finalized. It was agreed this be a matter for further debate at the September meeting.

c. The Clerk advised the costs of installing the bell in the chapel but it was agreed that the next steps would be to speak to a local bell ringer to discuss the mechanics of actually ringing the bell before deciding whether or not to proceed.

d. The Clerk asked for assistance in sourcing a suitable dehumidifier for the vestry and Cllr Gillmor agreed to ascertain what may be available for under £200.

007. Cemetery

a. The Clerk reported that the Chapel surveyor did not advise any interference with the cement pointing on the chapel but to leave nature to take its course as it would be less harmful to the stonework.

b. The Clerk advised that she had been advised that there was little scrap value in the shoring. It was agreed that Cllr Brookbank investigate this further.

c. The Clerk advised that she hoped to contact local schools about using some of the chapel resources at the start of the new academic year

d. The Clerk advised the budget cost of replacing the container in the compound

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and it was agreed further costings be obtained and a decision made at the September meeting on how to proceed.

e. Members agreed to defer a decision on the proposed toilet block until a decision had been made about the proposed new community hall.

008. Cemetery Field

a. The Clerk advised that the local farmer did not wish to take up the option of grazing the field at this time.

b. Members considered the wording for the car park signage and it was agreed to use the County Council recommendation of "P" symbol plus "Cemetery" subject to the results of the Community Hall vote.

c. It was agreed that if the vote for the Community Hall was against the project, consideration would need to be given as to possible used for the field.

009. Items for Information

The Clerk advised that the cemetery had been entered into the 2019 Cemetery of the Year awards as it was hoped that recommendations may be forthcoming as to how to improve the cemetery which would be useful guidance for the committee.

010. Items for future agenda

Parking in the lay by outside the cemetery

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman