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**PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cemetery Committee** held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019, at Town Hall, 34 High Street, Pershore commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllr D Annis  
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

**302. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Annis was nominated by Cllr Gillmor, seconded by Cllr Palfrey as Chairman of the committee. There being no further nominations, Cllr Annis was duly elected.

**303. Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Hemming was nominated by Cllr Brookbank, seconded by Cllr Gillmor as Vice Chairman of the Committee. There being no further nominations, Cllr Hemming was duly elected.

**304. Apologies**

There were none

**305. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**306. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Brookbank seconded by Cllr Hemming and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**307. Matters of report from the minutes**

Members asked the Clerk ask how much pointing work was still needed on the Cemetery Chapel, how urgent it was and the cost of all the work being undertaken.

### **308. Finance**

It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Hemming and RESOLVED that the budget comparison be accepted.

### **309. Cemetery Chapel**

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

- a. The Clerk advised that due to time constraints the crests had not yet been sorted. However it was agreed an advertisement could go into the Navy News to see if they could be sold as a job lot.
- b. Cllr Brookbank agreed to liaise with Cllr Annis regarding the sale of his World War One history books.
- c. In view of Henry Sandon's current indisposition the valuation afternoon and talk had been postponed
- d. Cllrs Hemming and Palfrey agreed to liaise regarding a skittles evening
- e. The Clerk advised that cards and envelopes were awaiting Cllr Palfrey's collection in preparation for the talk to be given by Mr Roy Albutt on the light and colour in stained glass on 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- f. 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. It was agreed to contact someone else if the original person was not available.
- g. It was agreed to have a stall at Plum Fair in the walkway to sell the remaining bric a brac Cllr Gillmor offered to look at the radio controlled ship to see if he could repair it
- h. Members considered a service for bereaved parents of children under the age of 18. It was agreed the Clerk contact the Mayor's Chaplain to see whether this was something she might like to take. The Clerk was also asked to go further back through the registers to see how many people such a service might involve.
- i. It was agreed the Clerk ascertain the costs of installing the bell currently stored at the cemetery and purchase a replacement dehumidifier, possibly with a drain rather than a tank.

### **310. Cemetery**

- a. Members noted the first phase of the wall repairs were now almost complete.
- b. The Clerk advised that despite initial interest she had been unable to sell the shoring and it was therefore agreed this would be sold as scrap.
- c. Members noted that the storage container was in poor condition and the Clerk was authorised to obtain the cost of a replacement in time for the next meeting.

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e. It was agreed the Clerk visit the local Middle Schools and explain how the cemetery could be used to help with various aspects of the curriculum.

f. Following a request from a resident it was agreed that the request for additional paths in the cemetery was impractical and the Clerk will advise the resident accordingly.

**311. Cemetery Field**

a. It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Gillmor and RESOLVED that the local farmer be offered to graze sheep on the field should he so wish.

b. It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Annis and RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the County Council and arrange for signage to be installed for the Cemetery Car Park with the words "Car Park for Cemetery".

**312. Items for Information**

There were none

**313. Items for future agenda**

There were none

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25

Signed..... Date.....  
Chairman