

## Agenda

Burial ground committee 11.2.22

Attending: Anne Birkett, Jenet Hill, Nigel Hill

1. Review of burial ground 5 year plan
  - Discuss and agree changes – proposal attached
2. News and views contribution march 2022
3. Updates to Fees and terms / conditions
4. Schedule of meetings
- .5. AOB

## Burial ground 5 year plan – changes and additions – updated feb 2022

### 2021 - budget ~~£1400~~ nil £0

- ~~(1) agree 5 plan and budget~~ done
- ~~(2) increase memorial fee (paper work) to 50 gbp~~ done
- (3) place bench by Bangary Rooms at parishioner's cost – less likely to happen
- (4) Nail up the compost bin - health and safety (snakes) – to be done and green waste needs monitoring (NH)
- (5) specify plots available:

We have 423 plots occupied and 20 vacant full plots available (6 cons, 14 uncons) and 41 ashes plots (3 cons, 38 uncons). If we agree to extend the potential development of paths and area closest to the Garden of Remembrance, it would yield an extra 28 full plots (8 cons, 20 uncons) and 138 ashes plots (67 cons, 71 uncons).

(6) Within 5 years, decide on reusing strategy as of the 423 occupied plots, only 32 are limited by the 99 year lease, the remainder and earlier purchases which were wrongly offered in perpetuity - this can be challenged – to be considered in due course (probably 2042!)

### 2022 - budget £850

- (1) tender for replacement of test of north and west wooden fences with hedge whips. Whips to be grown behind fence and fence removed when mature - ~~£700~~ £550 (NH and Chris)
- ~~(2) review price structure – fees?~~ done
- (3) consider use or future for grave diggers hut ~~– whose responsibility? Currently unused.~~ time-capsules for platinum jubilee and significant events plus an ad hoc visitor centre to show case tools which need to be inventoried.
- (4) Conduct topple test as per 5 yearly requirement - cost depends on how many owners are not traced. The test must be advertised - News & Views? budget £300 (action JH)

### 2023 - budget ~~£1400~~ £1500

- (1) tree trimming - £500
- (2) Replace laptop and/or consider online system. Currently low spec laptop and external drive which stores register images and grave plot photos as well as admin documents. ~~budget £500~~ - change to additional £100 pa to administrator's fees from 2022 – lap top was less than optimal decision.
- (3) plant another 25m of yew £900

### 2024 - budget ~~£1500~~ £2000

- (1) Replace or refurbish Coronation bench if needed - £500
- (2) Remove N fence - £600
- (3) plant another 25m of yew £900

### 2025 - budget £1200

- (1) comprehensive tree review by arboralist- £600
- (2) Remove remaining fence £600

#### summary

year	budget
2021	nil
2022	850
2023	1500
2024	2000
2025	1200

## New and views March 2022

- Intentions to inform and provide context for the parish.
- Encourage purchase of plots.
- Flag plans eg yew hedge

The burial ground at Tylers Hill.

Background:

Nice place to be – good job be Callum

Responsibility of the parish council

History:

Land given by Lord Chesham

Not part of church

Earliest burials etc

Recently

Restrictions to parishioners

Memorial garden for anyone

Number of plots

How full it is – not every grave has a memorial stone – early century child mortality

5 year plan

Trees make sure they are safe

Replace a part of the fence with Yew

Topple test to be done

Lease of 100 years

Use of grave diggers hut

Contact details and costs on the web site

Costs 3x income to run – costs are comparable to Chesham and nearby villages

Competitive fees take pressure off precept

Schedule of meetings

Twice per year

One before parish council walk around burial ground – May

One before next year budget is confirmed – November

AOB

Jenet's email address on website to be updated (action JH)  
Jenet's outlook to be resolved (action JH)