

Minutes of the Meeting of the Natural Burials / New Cemetery WG of Costessey Town Council held on Wednesday 29 March 2022 at 10am at the Costessey Centre

Present: Cllrs S Jones (Chair), J Amis, S Hannant, G Jones, P O'Connor; H Elias (Town Clerk)

To receive apologies for absence

BC001/22: None

To receive declarations of interest

BC002/22: Cllr S Hannant declared a pecuniary interest as her property backs onto the cemetery

To approve the minutes of the Burials & Cemetery WG of 15 December 2021

BC003/22: RESOLVED to approve the minutes with no amendments

To receive updates on items not listed below

BC004/22: None

To consider the quotes and offers for the 10m strip new footpaths

BC005/22: DAG Civils had not sent a revised quote. JDMA had revised the quote in line with rising costs and given two prices to include the materials or not. JDMA to be approached for possible dates to commence the work, so Breedon Gravel could be advised for material delivery; also dates of funerals should be avoided.

RECOMMENDED to full Council that the 10m strip paths be laid as per the JDMA quote @ £17,200 + VAT. ACTION: Town Clerk

To consider the quotes for the tree survey to BS5837 for a planning application

BC006/22: One tree company had submitted a quote for the survey; another was in the process of doing one; the third company did not undertake relevant surveys. Deadline to be imposed.

ACTION: Town Clerk

To consider the grassed square burials area including planting

BC007/22: Surplus trees in Greenhills Woods which were planted too close together for the machinery to get through, to be relocated to the grass square in Autumn. Additional hedging trees such as Rubinia, Crab Apple and possibly Magnolia could be planted to give colour. Some yews will need to be relocated from the new hedge to give an opening to a line alongside the wire fence between the miscanthus and the existing cemetery.

To agree the date of the next meeting

BC008/22: The date of the next meeting was confirmed as

BC009/22: RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose discussion on the items below due to the discussions relating to staffing issues

***THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE HEARD IN CONFIDENCE / BELOW THE LINE**

To receive information on the grieving relative

BC010/22: Details of a meeting with Harveys Funeral Directors were given. After much discussion Councillors reluctantly directed the Clerk to liaise with Harveys with regard to closing the matter with the grieving relative.

BC011/22: The meeting closed at 11.13am

Chair:

Date: