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Minutes of a Meeting of the Burials Committee held on **Monday 26th June 2024** from **6.30pm** at Northborough Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Sleet (Chair), Cllr John Dadge, Cllr Malcom Spinks, Cllr Stephen Parker-Brown.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Elinor Beesley.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no members present.

BC24.13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from Committee Member Jane Knott (previous commitment).

BC24.14 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on Monday 26th February 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

BC24.15 **TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE:** None received. It was agreed to remove this as a standing item on future Agendas because the Committee does not currently require addition members.

BC24.16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No declarations of interest were received.

BC24.17 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) Recent burials activity: The Clerk reported that, since 26th February 2024, one full burial and one ashes burial has taken place, one memorial application has been received and three Grants of Exclusive Rights have been issued.
- b) The Clerk asked the Committee to consider any suggestions for capital expenditure and projects in the financial year 2025/26 for discussion at the meeting in October 2024.

BC24.18 REPORTS FROM CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- a) Cllr Dadge reported that he had purchased the box for the safe storage of seasonal, personal, broken and unsuitable memorials after they have been removed from graves and had placed it in the Cemetery by the wall. **ACTION – Clerk** to publish a notice on the Cemetery noticeboard concerning use of the storage box.
- b) Cllr Dadge had received an email from Mike Horne of Langdyke Countryside Trust commenting that he is delighted with how great the wildflower meadow is looking after less than two years since it was planted.

BC24.19 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** Committee Members received a report from Cllr Dadge, Cllr Parker-Brown and the Clerk following a meeting with the Managing Director of Beebys regarding issues with the scheduling and standard of grounds maintenance work. The meeting was positive, and the attendees are hopeful that the issues will be resolved going forward.

BC24.20 **TO IDENTIFY ANY ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE OR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS:** None.

BC24.21 FINANCE:

- 21.1 Members noted the financial position against budget for the Burial Grounds for financial year 2023/24.
- 21.2 Members reviewed the financial position against budget for the Burial Grounds for two months to 31st May 2024.
- 21.3 Members agreed that there are currently no projects and/or recommendations for expenditure to be taken to full Council.
- 21.4 *To discuss Burial Grounds items for inclusion in the Council's budget for financial year 2024/25: No*

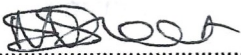
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items were identified.

BC24.22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 28th October 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.53pm.

Approved as a true record of the meeting:  Chair, 28th October 2024

Abbreviations used in these Minutes:

None.