



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Cemetery Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in The Parish Cemetery at 3:00pm

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllr. J. Bull (Chairman), Cllr. P. Challis, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. C. Lewis

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones (Parish Clerk)

Public/Press: None

17/04	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>To receive and consider apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllr M. Dennett, Cllr. J. Earl and Cllr. K. Johnson.</p>		
17/05	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b></p> <p>To receive from Members, in respect of any items included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosure of any interests in line with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and gifts and hospitality in line with Government legislation.</p> <p><i>Members are reminded that if they declare an interest they must leave immediately after having made representations, given evidence or answered questions and before the debate starts unless he/she has obtained a dispensation.</i></p> <p>None</p>		
17/06	<p><b>Matters arising from minutes of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b></p> <p>During discussions whilst walking round the Cemetery the following points were noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The hedge needs a tidy up as very un-even along its face and the top should also be cut.</li> <li>2. It was noted that the trees bordering the path along the back of the Cemetery had had their crowns raised. The trees at the junction of the back pack path and the path from the gate had several low light branches and it was requested that the Custodian should clear them to raise the crown.</li> <li>3. Several graves are now ready for re-levelling and being put to grass.</li> <li>4. It was noted that the various heaps of sub-soil and other debris that had been dumped along the line of the culverted stream had been cleaned up. It was requested that the Clerk should set up a plan of management to prevent their continued build up and to level off the ground along the culverted stream.</li> <li>5. It was noted that the Clerk had received several responses from three Landscapes Designers regarding the access to and layout of the Cemetery extension. Only one was open to visiting the site to provide an initial view provided that mileage was paid for the journey from Swindon and back and the Clerk was requested to arrange this.</li> <li>6. Replace the current notice board in the Cemetery, which is now looking very tired.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	

	<p>7. It was noted that they pathways were looking a bit overgrown and the Clerk was requested to arrange for the Custodian to weed kill and moss kill the paths.</p> <p>8. It was also noted that the access path through the St Mary's Graveyard was looking overgrown from the edges and the Clerk was requested to contact the St Mary's Church Wardens to investigate this.</p>	Clerk	
<b>17/07</b>	<p><b>Brief Inspection of state of the Cemetery extension</b></p> <p>This took place and it was noted that the site had been harrowed and the access gate on the far fencing still need to be put in place and the Clerk was requested to progress this.</p>	Clerk	
<b>17/08</b>	<p><b>Discussion of potential flooding issues of the piped stream.</b></p> <p>This was inspected and concerns were expressed at there being only one rodding eye along the piped stretch of the stream in view of the debris that could build up within the pipework and the last serious flood.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to ensure that the grill at the entrance to the piped section of the stream was kept clear of debris to avoid a build-up against the grill.</p>	Clerk	

The meeting finished at 3:30pm