

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Fairground and Cemetery 20/07/2023

Cemetery Extension

Agenda item 23/007 1. To consider the draft layout and agree further actions to be taken.

BACKGROUND

TGMS Ltd have been contracted to design a layout for the cemetery, to include technical specification and drawings, aid with the tendering process for works needed and monitoring the construction to project sign-off.

Document 23-007 1.1 Cemetery Stratfield Mortimer - Layout Draft 1 provides a first cut potential layout for review. Additional points made by TGMS to take into consideration are:

1. *We have broadly based the layout on the original planning document which gained approval, including observing the 30 m exclusion zone in the south-east (pink line).*
2. *In the south-eastern area we have 450 cremated remains plots (60 cm x 60 cm) with 1.5 m wide informal grassed paths.*
3. *With reference to the planning conditions, it is noted that no further culverting of the ditch will be permitted.*
4. *We have assumed that it will be acceptable to observe a 10 m exclusion zone in the north (taken from the top of the ditch bank) to take account of the unculverted section of the ditchline (pink line).*
5. *This northern area comprises curved memorial walls, a specimen tree, and a contemplation area, which can either be a wildflower meadow, a more formal memorial garden or a copse.*
6. *Alternatively, the central path can be extended into this area to enable it to be used for additional grave plots.*
7. *The two main grave plot areas are set out with back-to-back graves to assist maintenance (a large expanse of grass for mowing).*
8. *There are currently 145 adult grave plots in this area.*
9. *The access paths are 1.8 m wide to match the existing and to facilitate trafficking by a mini digger.*
10. *This arrangement potentially provides three access points into the adjacent field to facilitate a future extension, should this be required at some point.*
11. *An additional path could be included along the south-western boundary, but we would lose 22 grave plots.*

TGMS are looking for observations/suggestions in order that a subsequent iteration may be produced. A Teams meeting can be held if necessary.

Clerk 14/07/2023