

# Melbourne Parish Council



Mrs J Storer - Parish Clerk, 2 Mansfields Croft, Etwall, Derbyshire DE65 6NJ

## Burial Committee Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Burial Committee held at 7:55pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne

Present – Cllrs Hicklin (Chairman), Sharp, Summerlin,  
In attendance – Mrs J Storer (Clerk), Cllr Smith (to 8:18pm)

As a quorum was present, the meeting took place.

357. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Carpenter.
358. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
359. The quote received for the new memorial wall had been considered to be too expensive to proceed with.  
AGREED that both sides of the existing memorial wall are to be used to erect memorial plaques.
360. Cllr Carpenter continues to work on the display for the internal walls in the Chapel.  
**(Action: Cllr Carpenter).**
361. Cllr Hicklin and the Clerk will meet with the manager of Sainsbury's to discuss the relocation of the Cemetery noticeboard and to make arrangements for a new noticeboard to be purchased for the Cemetery. The suggestions previously made to generate some additional income via the leasing of bird boxes, will be explored further at the next committee meeting. **(Action: Cllr Hicklin and Clerk).**
362. Previous concerns about the condition of a footpath at the Cemetery have not materialised. Those graves which sunk following the heavy rain in June have been made good.
363. Artificial flowers and Christmas wreaths  
The Sexton has removed items and these have been stored for any relative to recover. There has been one complaint about the policy, but the complainant has not come forward to collect any of the removed items.
364. The revised plans for the new office were previously circulated and were discussed.  
RESOLVED: the revised plans are accepted. The Clerk will seek quotations for the work and make enquiries about grant funding for the works to be completed. **(Action: Clerk)**
365. Memorial testing – The Clerk had circulated a written report which was considered at the July Full Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council had referred the matter back to the Burial Committee for further discussion.  
The Clerk advised that there are 1034 memorial stones over 2 foot in height and of these 168 remained staked from the previous memorial testing. Some of these stakes are rotting. A discussion considered the information.  
RESOLVED memorial testing is considered to be controversial and as such the matter should be considered by the Full Parish Council at the September meeting.  
8:18pm Cllr Smith left the meeting.
366. Planting for the Remembrance Garden  
The Clerk has proposed that roses are planted in the Garden of Remembrance and informed the Committee of the suggested rose, which is highly fragrant, virtually thornless, repeat flowering and with a high degree of disease resistance.  
RESOLVED for the roses to be purchased.

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## 367. Old Burial Ground

The Clerk informed that a complaint had been received about the condition of the Old Burial Ground and that action had been taken to remedy the situation.

The Clerk reminded the Committee that a project had been agreed with Rev'd Powell to plant native bluebells and snowdrops.

RESOLVED to purchase the bulbs, and to ensure that the English Bluebells are sourced from a properly licenced supplier.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.