

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 Grounds Committee held at 2.30pm Monday 7th April 2014 at the Chapel, Melbourne Cemetery, Packhorse Road, Melbourne

Present – Cllr Hicklin (Chairman), Butler, Sharp, Stockill, Clerk (from 2.42 pm)

In attendance – R Holman - Sexton

Apologies: Cllr Carpenter

Minutes of the previous meeting approved by Council were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

212. The documentation of the procedures at the Burial Ground is in hand. **(Action Cllr Carpenter, Cllr Hicklin and Sexton).**
213. The Beech tree at the Old Burial Ground has been removed. The application for a Faculty is still with the Diocese for a decision. The Beech tree in the Cemetery which appears to be suffering from the same fungal infection as the Beech tree in the Old Burial Ground, has not yet been felled. The Tree in the Cemetery is not subject to any planning regulations. The Clerk will remind Melbourne Tree Services Ltd that this tree requires felling. **(Action: Clerk)**
214. The Five Year Plan is on hold due to financial restrictions.
215. The relative who has previously been minuted seeking permission to site a memorial bench has informed that the bespoke bench will not now be made. The Sexton has provided a relative with a brochure about memorial benches.
216. The Sexton reported that he needs to be able to wash his hands after using chemicals (e.g petrol and fertilisers). This is a H&S requirement and the Sexton expressed a preference for a water heater over additional sockets. **AGREED:** to take the matter back to Full Council for consideration.

2.42pm Jacqui Storer arrived

217. A matter relating to ownership of a plot was taken to the April Parish Council meeting, and clarification was obtained. This decision was discussed, but the decision remained the same.
218. Burial Fees – The previous policy drafted by the Burial Committee in February 2014 on levying triple fees was presented to the Parish Council at the March meeting. The Parish Council rejected the proposal and at the April Parish Council meeting agreed an alternative policy. This policy was discussed and the practicalities and implications discussed further. Following this discussion it was agreed that there were grounds for the matter to be taken back to the Full Parish Council for review and clarification particularly relating to the condition of 15 years consecutive residency to qualify for single fees.

Date of next meeting: to be advised

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There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.35pm.

Burial Committee -Cllr S Hicklin Chairman