

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Burial Committee meeting on Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 10am

Present

Cllr G Mackeen, Cllr P Chilton and Cllr L Gomersall (Chair)

1. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

- 1.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
 - 1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
 - 1.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate
- There were no declaration of interests made.

Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Chilton asked a question on behalf of a member of the public; how easy is it to obtain a plot at the burial ground? If you contact the Clerk she will provide all the information. It's a straight forward process to reserve a plot.

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Approval of Minutes of Burial Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 (to approve the minutes as a correct record)

It was proposed by Cllr Chilton to approve the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all. The minutes will be signed by Cllr Gomersall.

4. Review 2020-21 prices. The existing prices have been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Chilton to keep the prices the same for 2021-22. Seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all. To be reviewed March 2022.

5. Review 2020-21 regulations. The regulations have been circulated. They will be amended to reflect what's been agreed in this meeting. Otherwise, no change. Proposed by Cllr Chilton, seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all.

6. Review maximum size of memorial tablets in memorial garden. It was agreed that with immediate effect the maximum tablet size will be 46x30cm in the memorial garden. Proposed by Cllr Chilton, seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all.

7. Natural burials (Cllr Gomersall) – a discussion took place about natural burials and that they seem to be getting more popular now-a-days. The Clerk has been asked to look at the options with the existing site and also if there was a possibility of buying a neighbouring field to offer a more natural burial environment.

8. To agree and make recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to make the following recommendations back to full council to accept:
~the maximum memorial tablet size for the memorial garden will be 46x30cm.

- ~to keep prices the same for 2021-22 (from 2020-21). Review in March 2022.
- ~to only amend the regulations with the points raised in this meeting.
- ~to look into offering natural burials on existing site and possibly neighbouring land.

Meeting closed at 10.42am.

Signed as a true record of the meeting.....
Chairman

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Date

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