

WALKERINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL BURIAL BOARD

Minutes for meeting of Wednesday 1st July 2026

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME Cllr Hooten welcomed everyone to meeting and discussed the reason for the extra meeting. The chairman introduced Cllr Beard, who had been invited because of his expertise in groundwork.
2. _APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE_ Cllr Vessey did not attend Mrs Whitlam was not invited in error

BB222/26 MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERY

- a. CEMETERY NOTICE BOARD . It was agreed by all that a new notice board was required in the cemetery, also, that more information could be displayed. Mrs Derbyshire agreed to make enquiries with local tradesmen for quotes.
- b. RULES AND REGULATIONS_ Mrs Derbyshire agreed to update the rules and regulations that that are sent out to families in order to make them more concise and reader friendly whilst still maintaining the legal requirements. To be updated before the November 2026 meeting.
- c._GENERIC LETTER_ Mrs Derbyshire has agreed to produce a generic letter that will be sent out to families highlighting any breach of rules around floral tributes and/or ornaments.
- d. RE-GILDING_ Mrs Derbyshire has agreed to speak to a Stonemason to enquire about re-gilding the Garden of Remembrance stone in the cemetery.
- e. THEFT Mr Dalton said that he is happy to continue to keep equipment used to maintain the cemetery in his lock up garage. He does not feel that there is any need for any further sheds.
- e. BENCH Mr Dalton has agreed to install a bench which is being purchased by a family and placed in the cemetery.

BB223/26 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CEMETERY

- a. FUTURE CEMETERY PLOTS . The committee discussed with Cllr Beard the current concern with the water table in the cemetery. Which may impact the amount of grave space available. He suggested that we may need to obtain a survey on the land and if possible, locate the original purchase details and if a survey was done then. Mrs Derbyshire agreed to speak to Mrs Fox (the previous secretary) as she may have some knowledge on the matter. Should it be necessary to obtain land in future Mr Chipp is to approach the current Tennent farmer with a view to him having available land adjacent to the cemetery.
- b. FOOTPATHS It was agreed that no further action to would be taken this time to extend the footpath until there was a clearer picture as to the available space in the cemetery.
- c._NON-PARISHIONERS_ It was agreed that the cemetery should be available to parishioners only until it is determined as to how much space is available in the future It was also pointed out that there may need to be some flexibility around special circumstances, i.e.: family connections. This

will have to be agreed by the Parish Council

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20pm