



MINUTES OF THE BURIALS COMMITTEE MEETING 15th DECEMBER IN THE
MAWNAN BOWLING CLUB AT 6PM.

Present- Cllrs Whibley, Morris, Moyle + Clerk

Cllr Whibley chaired the meeting

MINUTES

2526.12B	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Moyle arrived 7 minutes late
2526.13B	MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS IN THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (OVER £50) OR REQUEST DISPENSATIONS Cllr Moyle declared an interest for item 2526.24B
2526.14B	PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA None
2526.15B	ACCEPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 7TH JULY 2025 Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Morris, RESOLVED to accept minutes with minor corrections written on minutes to be uploaded to website. All in favour.
2526.16B	DECIDE CIRCUMSTANCES OF NON PARISHIONER BURIALS AND ASHES MEMORIALS Cllrs decided to keep the current wording in the regulations and still look at requests from non-parishioners on a case by case basis as it's very difficult to create a definite rule. Clerk will still pass on requests that aren't clear cut to the committee for consideration. Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Morris, RESOLVED to retain current policy wording and to reject the request made in Item 2. All in Favour. ACTION: Clerk to reply to Item 2 and say their request will not be allowed.
2526.17B	UPDATES TO BURIAL REGULATIONS Aside from some corrections on page 3 Cllrs decided to move this to item to the next committee meeting. Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Morris, RESOLVED to move this item to the first burials committee meeting in 2026. All in Favour.
2526.18B	SEQUENCING OF NEW BURIAL PLOTS Cllrs looked at the map of the graveyard and decided that the order in which plots are filled needs to be changed so that they are coming from the eastern hedge back to the western path which avoids the digger having to move over already occupied graves (when digging new ones). So once rows C-F have been filled we start at G10 and move west. Proposed Cllr Moyle, Seconded Cllr Morris, RESOLVED that after rows C-F of the burials plots have been filled, row G will be started from the eastern boundary of the field and move west. All in Favour.
2526.19B	UPKEEP OF GRAVES IN OLD GRAVEYARD- Cllrs agreed that the clerk is to get a

	<p>quote for the soil to fill in the graves that have collapsed or pose any hazard, the labour for filling them in with said soil and then to grass seed and plant bulbs on top. Once a quote has been obtained from the maintenance contractor the clerk will arrange a meeting with the churchwarden to look at if there is a possibility of splitting costs with the church.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to obtain quote from contractor and then arrange meeting with Churchwarden.</p>
2526.20B	<p>MEMORIAL BENCH FOR PARISHIONER IN COMMUNITY GRAVEYARD- DECIDE IF POSSIBLE AND AGREE ON A LOCATION- IN MEMORY OF Chris Garity from the Old School House.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed this and are very happy with to have a bench in the community graveyard. They decided the best place would be facing east on the north-western boundary at the end of the path- on the path so it's on the gravel base. The requested the bench be made of Iroko or Teak so it is long lasting and in keeping with others in the graveyard.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Moyle, Seconded Cllr Morris, RESOLVED to say yes to a memorial bench for Chris Garity that will face east on the north- western boundary at the end of the path. All in Favour.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to inform relative to say their request as been accepted.</p>
2526.21B	<p>WOBBLY HEADSTONES- Cllrs agreed to get contractor to check all stones and report any that he finds to be unsafe. Clerk already knows of one and will make contact with the owner to ask them to get it fixed.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to contact owner of stone already highlighted and ask contractor to check others.</p>
2526.22B	<p>JONATHAN THORNTON WILDFLOWER PROJECT- Cllrs agreed that it was unacceptable to leave grass cuttings in the field next year. They encourage weeds and make it difficult for the maintenance contractor to mow around the edges where they had been dumped.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED to request to Jonathan Thornton, leader of the Wildflower Meadow, that all cutting are removed from site next year when the meadow is cut down. All in Favour.</p>
2526.23B	<p>ASH TREE ON WALL BETWEEN NEW AND OLD GRAVEYARDS- agree action</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to get church arboriculturist to come out as parish council needs a faculty from diocese to cut down</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Morris, Seconded Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED to request to church arboriculturist to come out to assess tree as parish council needs a faculty from diocese to remove it if needed. All in Favour.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to make request to diocese</p>
2526.24B	<p>CLLR MOYLE REQUEST FOR MOTHER'S ASHES TO BE INTERRED IN BURIAL PLOT- decision</p> <p>Cllrs had a discussion and agreed that Cllr Moyle could not, at this time, use a full burial plot for his mother's ashes. It was suggested when he passes his mother could go in a</p>

	<p>burial plot with him. Cllrs agreed to discuss this item in more detail at another meeting.</p> <p>This item was not voted on.</p>
2526.25B	<p>WORK NEEDED IN GRAVEYARD- SEE QUOTES FROM BRIDGEHOUSE RESTORATION</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Morris, RESOLVED to accept the quote for relaying the flagstone path for £730 and to get two further quotes for the repointing of the crazy paving on the graveyard cremated remains section. Cllrs Morris and Whibley in favour, Cllr Moyle voted against.</p> <p>ACTION: Blend with meeting with Church warden in the NY to discuss church contribution to the crazy paving repointing.</p>
2526.26B	CLERK UPDATE Nothing to update
2526.27B	<p>ARRANGE TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Cllr Moyle requested that at the next meeting an item should be included that discussed the tendering of the digging of graves in the community graveyard.</p>

Associated Papers

Item 1 - Minutes of previous meeting 7/7/25

Item 2 - Email request from non parishioner

Item 3 - Quotes from Toddy for path in old graveyard and crazy paving around cremation plots in old graveyard

Earmarked reserves in burials:

Burial Fees £6175.00

Graveyard Contingency £2900.0