

Cemetery Extension Task & Finish Group

MS Teams Meeting

4 September 2024

6.30pm – 7.14pm

In attendance:

Councillors: Lee (Chair), Albon, Cleeve, I Fradgley and Smith

(Councillor Fradgley left the meeting at 7pm)

Officers: Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillor McNaught Barrow

Notes of last meeting

The Notes of the last meeting held on 16 July 2024 were AGREED.

Update

Purchase of Land

The Town Clerk indicated that she had been in communication with the District Council and the Town Council's solicitor to initiate the process for purchasing the land.

Garden Plot Licences

The Town Council's Solicitor had indicated that this matter could only be advanced once the Town Council took ownership of the land.

Additionally, it was mentioned that the Council would need to consider the term of the licenses to be offered.

Design Scheme

Following the Council meeting in July, there have been no responses submitted from any Councillors regarding the requested design ideas for the extension of the cemetery. The Chair of this Group and the Town Clerk had visited the site with the Open Spaces Foreman to discuss the design scheme that would be developed for submission to a design company.

The Chair then outlined his initial proposals and sought the opinions of Councillors. It was agreed that the cemetery should be designed to require minimal maintenance.

Discussions included accessibility to the site, the preservation/removal of hedgerows/trees, the enhancement of the existing pathway to the site, and the current rear access to properties on Bordon Place.

The Chair committed to preparing a draft design scheme for submission at the next Council meeting for review.

RECOMMENDED: That the Draft Design Scheme be submitted to Council for approval.

Date of Next meeting: To be confirmed