

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Burial Ground and Garden of Remembrance Committee to be held on **Wednesday 28th April 2004** commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Pavilion, Manor Field.

Yours sincerely

Julie Hoad
Proper Officer

Members of the Committee are invited to inspect the Burial Grounds and Garden of Remembrance on Wednesday 28th April 2004 at 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
To receive apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground and Garden of Remembrance Committee held on 17th March 2004 as a correct record (annexed).
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
To receive Members declarations of interest.
- 4. Rules and regulations**
 - (a) To receive a report on a meeting with the families of the late P McClelland and J Morgan held on 5th April 2004 in the Burial Ground. The meeting may be adjourned to allow family members of the late P McClelland and J Morgan to address the Committee.
 - (b) At the Council's request, the Committee is requested to reconsider its proposal to prohibit the purchase of graves for the interment of ashes.
- 5. Health and Safety**
 - (a) To receive a report on the progress of repairs to the memorials deemed as being unsafe in a recent safety report.
 - (b) To consider the adoption of the Harrogate means of fixing future memorials in the burial ground.

6. New Garden of Remembrance

To continue discussions on the proposed Garden of Remembrance.

At the last meeting of the Council an amended recommendation was approved; “post and chains be erected as a temporary measure around the periphery of the proposed new Garden of Remembrance upto £200 and that consideration be given to funding the construction of a new wall in the draft budget for 2005/06”

7. Garden of Remembrance

(a) To consider any matters arising from the site inspection.

(b) To consider a quotation for re-grouting the paving slabs.

8. Burial Ground

To consider any matters arising from the site inspection.

9. Closed Church Yard

To consider any matters arising from the site inspection.

10. Correspondence

To note ABA Information Sheet 26 – April to June 2004

11. Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century

The Government is seeking views on the practicalities of legislation, regulation and maintenance of burial grounds and burial procedures, including exhumation and possible re use of old burial grounds.

The consultation asks a number of specific questions including:

- Should burial law be more consistent across public and private burial ground providers and the Church of England?
- Should the provision of burial grounds be discretionary (as now) or a new obligation created to provide burial facilities?
- Does the burial process and the standards of service require more or less regulation?
- Does existing legislation on the exhumation of buried human remains need to be more consistent?
- Should existing legislation be extended to enable old burial grounds to be re-used for new burials?

The consultation period will end on 13th July 2004.

At the previous meeting consideration of the consultation document was deferred to the next Committee meeting. The Committee is requested to consider the consultation document. *(Members are reminded to bring their copy of the consultation document to the meeting.)*

12. Date of the next meeting

List of circulated documents

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground and Garden of Remembrance Committee held on 17th March 2004.
2. ABA Information Sheet 26.

Committee Membership

Cllr Mr A Barnett (ex officio)

Cllr Mrs Y Coutts

Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby

Cllr Mrs J Burns

Cllr Mr J Gaywood (ex officio)

