

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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25th April 2006

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Burial Grounds and Garden of Remembrance Committee to be held on **Tuesday 2nd May 2006** commencing at **6.00 p.m.** at the **Pavilion, Manor Field, Church Road.**

Yours sincerely

Julie Hoad
Proper Officer

Members of the Committee are invited to inspect the Burial Ground, Gardens of Remembrance and Closed Church Yard before the committee meeting. Please meet in the Burial Ground on **Tuesday 2nd May 2006 at 5.30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive Members' declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground and Garden of Remembrance Committee held on 21st March 2006 as a correct record (annexed).

4. Financial Report

To receive and note a financial report indicating the current net position of the Burial Ground and Garden of Remembrance Committee as at 25th April 2006 (annexed).

5. Burial Ground

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

(b) To consider a quotation to remove the dead bush at the entrance to the Burial Ground.

(c) To consider the cost of replacing the dead bush at the entrance to the Burial Ground and the cost of screening the existing chestnut paling fence behind the grave of the late James Elvin.

(d) To consider two alternative quotations in respect of (1) the repair of the existing dilapidated kerb stone on the grave of the late John Francis White and (2) the removal of the existing dilapidated kerb stone on the aforementioned grave and turfing of the grave.

(e) To consider the outcome of a site meeting with Mr Munday and Mr Harrington, the Council's gravedigger in respect of the screening of the existing spoil heap and re-siting of the bonfire.

6. Garden of Remembrance

- (a) To consider any other matters arising from the site inspection.
- (b) To confirm the Clerk's action to make arrangements for the paving slabs to be cleaned by means of jet washing which was deemed as a matter of extreme urgency due to an accident in the Garden of Remembrance.
- (c) To consider a quotation in respect of re pointing the paving slabs in the Garden of Remembrance.

7. New Garden of Remembrance

- (a) To consider any matters arising from the site inspection.
- (b) To consider whether the Committee would deem it appropriate for two interments of ashes to take place in the same plot in the new Garden of Remembrance.

8. Closed Church Yard

To consider any matters arising from the site inspection.

9. New Burial Ground

To receive a progress report on the submission of a planning application for a new Burial Ground on land known as the Orchard in Manor Field.

10. Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century – the need for a sensitive and sustainable approach

To consider a report on the responses to the consultation exercise undertaken in 2004 by the Department of Constitutional Affairs, which summarises the responses received and includes how the consultation process has influenced the further development of the policy. The report may be viewed on the DCA website on www.dca.gov.uk/consult/buriallaw/buriallaw_cp0105.htm

A hard copy of the document will be available for inspection in the Parish Office.

11. Date of the next meeting

List of attached documents

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2006
2. Financial report dated 25th April 2006

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)