



# Stanway Parish Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of the BURIAL GROUND SUB-COMMITTEE Held on TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY AT 2.00PM at THE VICTORY HALL

### 1.Attendance and Apologies for Absence

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllrs D Bloomfield, D Chambers, and J Spademan.

Also in attendance: Mr B Cooper, Maintenance Worker and Amanda Ward, Deputy Clerk.

Apologies were received from Cllr A Norton.

**RESOLVED to accept the Cllr apologies.**

### 2.Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

### 3.Minutes of the Burial Ground Sub-Committee Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Burial Ground Sub-Committee Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

### 4.Clerk's Report/ Update

The Clerk's Report was circulated prior to the Meeting. The report was noted.

### 5.Financial Report

A Financial Report was circulated prior to the Meeting. The report was noted.

### 6.Maintenance Report

Barry Cooper advised that the newer plots had been levelled off and all the leaves have been cleared. There is a funeral booked for the 10th of February so he will mark out C24 for the grave digger. Cllrs Bloomfield and Chambers will be in attendance on the day.

Mike Basham has been asked to give his input on planting at Comb Meadow. Cllr D Bloomfield reminded those present that the Committee had agreed some time ago that no further planting would take place for the next few years as time is needed for the current saplings to establish themselves and space must be left for future trees.

**As the Committee already uses Tom Heddle and Nick Day it was RESOLVED that Mike Basham's services for the trees at Comb Meadow was not required.**

Barry Cooper reported that the 7 trees behind the Memorial Wall needed some attention, this is work he can do himself rather than paying a tree surgeon but has been advised by the Clerk that he is not to use his step ladder until a Risk Assessment had been carried out. This was discussed at some length and agreed that the work should be left for the time being.

Barry Cooper advised that he now has a lot of expensive tools in the shed and for security will move them all to the workshop.

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## 7.Maintenance of Existing Grave and Ashes Plots

Barry Cooper reported that people have been leaving stones, butterflies and ornaments on the meadow and tying ribbons around trees.

Cllr D Bloomfield advised that as stated in the Comb Meadow Regulations, tributes may be left for a week and then they will be removed.

Cllr D Chambers suggested that removed items could be left under the seat in the Memorial Shelter for families to collect.

## 8.Memorial for Colin Lax

Cllr D Bloomfield advised that she had been speaking to Colins Family and they have decided against a large plaque, preferring the traditional engraved brick in the Memorial Shelter, the cost of which will be covered by the Burial Ground Sub Committee. The Family will be in touch when they have come to a final decision.

## 9.Generator Purchase

Barry Cooper reported that he had found a 2.8kw generator for £299.00 to power the jet washer for the Burial Ground.

**RESOLVED that Barry Cooper should purchase the generator for £299.00 from his own money and claim it back in expenses.**

## 10.Addition to Regulations

Following some discussion on the information provided in the Clerk's Report the following were agreed on.

**RESOLVED that the wording 'no embalmed remains' should not be added to the Comb Meadow Regulations.**

**RESOLVED that the Committee would not subscribe to the Natural Death Organisation.**

## 11.10 Year Anniversary/Long Term Vision for Comb Meadow

Cllr D Bloomfield felt that the Burial Ground should be kept as it is and in keeping with the vision of Mrs Jansma when she gifted the land.

The Committee agreed that 10 years was not long enough for the Burial Ground to mature and too soon for any sort of commemoration.

## 13.Items for Committees/ Next Council Meeting

A Comb Meadow Open Day

Future publicity for Comb Meadow

## 14.To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting

The next Burial Ground Sub- Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm in the Committee Room.

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There being no further business the Committee Chairman thanked members for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Amanda Ward, Deputy Clerk

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022