



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL AYLSHAM
ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022 at 10.00am**

PRESENT:

Mrs A Overton Chairman
Mr T Bennett
Mrs M Evans
Mrs J Bennett
Mr M Martin

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rev Canon Julie Boyd

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

None declared

3. MINUTES

The last meeting of the churchyard Committee was held on 20th June 2022. The minutes were **AGREED**.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Not Required

5. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

All items on agenda

6. PATHWAYS/ROADS

There is still an issue regarding the stones but it was felt that no action should be taken until the work on the bells has been completed.

7. WALLS

A date for the quinquennial inspection has been scheduled and once the report has been received the matter can be pursued.

The crack by the War Memorial is being monitored.

8 GROUND MAINTENANCE

a) To receive an update on constructing waste areas

Initially the diocese advised that the application would be considered as a List B application, which is a lighter form of faculty. The clerk submitted this and was then advised it would have to be a full faculty application. Extra details were needed but due to the short time given could not make the September meeting but instead will be discussed in October.

The clerk has also been informed that planning permission will be needed from Broadland District Council. The officer there advised that as long as there is emphasis placed on the green aspects of the project there should not be an issue. Plans will be drawn up and submitted.

The church organised a clean-up day in the churchyard which was very well supported.

b) To receive an update on creating the garden area

This has still to be planned

c) To discuss information board

The interpretation board in the churchyard is looking fairly shabby. A new board is in the process of being designed for the Paupers Graveyard so the clerk will look at any others around the town which may require updating .

9 WAR MEMORIAL

Nothing to report.

10 LYCH GATE

There is some graffiti on one of the benches. There is an issue with drug use here which the police are aware of and are dealing with.

11 CHURCH BUILDING

Masonry work is needed on the walls. The steps to the tower will soon be repaired.

There has been some vandalism but no real damage. The CCTV identified the offenders and the police have dealt with it.

The floodlights have all been converted to LED's

12 CHURCH CLOCK

A faculty application has gone in for the repair of the bells but this is being held up by the DAC. Instead of repairs they are suggesting replacing them with bells from a closed church. The PCC are not happy about this suggestion and are in discussions regarding this. It was hoped to make an event of the bells being replaced and involve the public to a certain extent. The original intention was to remove the bells in November and replace them in April so hopefully they can be ready for Easter.

13 AYLSHAM CEMETERY

The cemetery is visited regularly by the clerk and it is getting into a better state because of this.

The repair work to the gates originally scheduled for September has hit a snag in regard to the delivery of the bricks. The builder has asked if the council would like the gate posts reduced as a safety measure and this was agreed.

The clerk will obtain prices for concrete benches.

14 PAUPERS GRAVEYARD

This work is still outstanding and the clerk will prioritise this so it is completed before the next meeting.

15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

A resident had noticed some loose stones around one of the tombs. These will be looked at and assessed.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.30am. The next meeting is scheduled for November 28th 10am