



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL AYLSHAM
ON MONDAY 28 November 2022 at 10.00am**

PRESENT:

Mrs A Overton Chairman
Rev Canon Julie Boyd
Mrs J Bennett
Mr M Martin

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr T Bennett and Mrs M Evans

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

None declared

3. MINUTES

The last meeting of the churchyard Committee was held on 26th September 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 again it was felt that no action should be taken until the work on the bells has been completed. In the meantime, the clerk will speak to the Conservation Officer.

7. WALLS

The quinquennial inspection is currently taking place and no action will be taken until this has been received. It has also been suggested that when the walls are eventually repaired that the gate through to the school should be removed, the wall repaired and the gate retained so it could, at some point, be replaced if required.

8 GROUND MAINTENANCE

a) To receive an update on the faculty re constructing waste areas

The faculty has been accepted and approved subject to sight of the minutes of the PCC approval. Unfortunately, this was never taken to a PCC meeting but it will be discussed at the meeting scheduled for later on the day of this meeting.

Since the application was made the plastic walling has been priced and the cost is in excess of £14,000. This really makes it untenable. An alternative suggestion of green metal fencing (as used at the Recreation Ground) has been suggested. This is still to be priced. This will be discussed by the PCC before going to the Diocese or planning.

b) To receive an update on creating the garden area

This has still to be planned. The project was discussed in detail and as the resident who was tending the area near the conifers has advised he will no longer be doing this work it was considered more suitable to move the memorial garden to this area. As a faculty and possibly planning would be required again this needs to be agreed prior to a planning application being submitted.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the clerk, Wendy Sadler from Aylsham in Bloom and Erica Fisher from the PCC.

c) To discuss information board

The clerk apologised that as the board for the Paupers Graveyard is still outstanding nothing had been reviewed regarding this.

9 WAR MEMORIAL

Nothing to report. It was queried whether there is any mechanism to know of new deaths that should be added to the memorial. The clerk will contact the British Legion regarding this.

10 LYCH GATE

The steps have finally been repaired.

11 CHURCH BUILDING

A lighting project within the church is underway to convert all lights to LED which will drastically reduce costs.

A new flagpole has been ordered but delivery has proved an issue!

The PCC will be looking at the heating of the church as it currently Costs £35 per hour to heat and is not really that effective.

12 CHURCH CLOCK

After discussions the original idea of repairing the Aylsham Bells has been agreed. The faculty application is in process.

It was hoped that these would be in place by Easter but that is becoming increasingly unlikely. There is a hope they may be in place for the Coronation.

13 AYLSHAM CEMETERY

a) To discuss the current state of the cemetery

The cemetery is visited regularly by the clerk and it is getting into a better state because of this. It is hoped to do some work over the spring to the non-tended graves to reduce the weeds that tend to gather there.

b) To receive an update on the gateway

This is still scheduled to be repaired in the New Year

c) To receive information on the benches

The clerk had obtained a price for granite benches of £1500 each. It was agreed that this should be taken to the Town Council for approval

14 PAUPERS GRAVEYARD

Maintenance is ongoing. Still need to complete signage and web information. This work is still outstanding and the clerk will prioritise this so it is completed before the spring.

15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

Nothing raised

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.20am. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27th 10am.