



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL AYLSHAM
ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022 at 10.00am**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

None declared

3. MINUTES

The last meeting of the churchyard Committee was held on 24th January 2022. The minutes were **AGREED**.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

A resident was concerned regarding the trees to be planted on the east side to take the place of the conifers as he felt lilacs would not be suitable for the area.

5. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

All items on agenda

6. PATHWAYS/ROADS

It was felt the main roadway from the entrance to the parking area was looking shabby with the stones brushed to the side due to the vehicular movements on this path. The clerk had checked with a contractor that the only effective surface would be tarmac as resin could not cope with the volume of traffic. It is unlikely that this would be accepted by the diocese and conservation. Rev Julie Boyd will check the matter with the DAC.

The weeds on the path are growing again and the clerk will get this looked at and also replace any loose cobbles on the side.

The drain by the lychgate is in need of repair and this will also be looked at.

7. WALLS

The structural engineer had visited the site and reported, as expected, that major work was required. He had asked for any reports that may have been made by the church architect – these were furnished to the clerk at the meeting.

The quinquennial inspection was scheduled soon and this will be brought forward so the matter can be pursued.

The clerk advised that repairs to the wall will not only need a faculty but also planning permission. It was thought both would be agreed without too much difficulty. Once the quinquennial report is available another meeting will be organised. It will be necessary to try and obtain grant money for this project and the clerk will start researching likely funding sources.

It was also noted that there is a crack in the wall and this will need to be monitored to see if it is a new crack or pre-existing.

8 GROUND MAINTENANCE

The work to the waste area will require a List B application, which is a lighter form of faculty. The clerk will draw up a report regarding this and take it to the Town Council and also forward to the PCC. If it is agreed by both it will also be placed in Just Aylsham. The plan and the tree survey will be e-mailed out to all members. Once this has been completed then the next stage of the gardens can begin.

9 WAR MEMORIAL

The request for a grant has been refused by the War Memorials Trust so the matter will be left for the time being as there are more urgent areas that need attention.

10 LYCH GATE

The gate is fine but the steps down to the Cromer Road are loose again. This has been reported to Highways.

11 CHURCH BUILDING

Masonry work is needed on the walls. Unfortunately a window was broken over the Jubilee weekend. A lighting project with eco funding is in progress. Full funding for the bell restoration has been raised and a faculty application is in progress. There could be an issue with noise complaints as the bells have not been rung for over 18 months.

12 CHURCH CLOCK

Obviously with the bells out of action the clock has not chimed either. Hopefully, this will be rectified soon but there is still the noise issue as the clock does strike throughout 24 hours.

13 AYLSHAM CEMETERY

The repair work to the gates is scheduled for September. Once this has been completed the driveway will be assessed.

The clerk showed pictures of some concrete benches in place in Cromer cemetery. There is nowhere to sit at the cemetery and these will be researched.

14 PAUPERS GRAVEYARD

A draft of a sign to be placed at the Paupers Graveyard has been prepared and needs some tweaking. It was questioned if there would be directional signs. It was thought this would be added to the website with a What-3-Words link.

It was noted that the noticeboard at Jannys Garden is in a bit of a state – this will be looked at.

15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

Interpretation Board at the church is looking tired

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.53am. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26th 10am