

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Nether Alderley Burial Board Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 3.30 p.m. Nether Alderley Parish Hall

In the Chair: Cllr. S.Lewis

Parish Councillors present: J.Shufflebottom and J.Wilkinson
Also present: The Parish Council Clerk

1. **Burial Ground Inspection** – An inspection of the Burial Ground was carried out by the Clerk on Friday 8th April 2022.

2. **To receive apologies for absence** – None

3. **To note the Minutes of the Burial Board meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 which were approved on 13th September 2021.**

4. **Public Presentation**

To adjourn the meeting to receive representation from members of the Nether Alderley Parish – No public present

5. **To resume the meeting**

6. **To exclude the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:**

a. **Personal issues**

b. **Legal Issues**

7. **To consider and approve actions to take following the Burial Ground inspection:**

7.1 **William Morris Bench (painted 2016)** – The bench is in need of a wood treatment which will be carried out in the summer.

7.2 **Entrance to the field (off the car park)** – The grass at the entrance to the field needs strimming to allow vehicle access.

7.3 **Paths** – Treated October 2021

7.4 **Benches** – One bench in the New Burial Ground is in need of a wood treatment which will be carried out in the summer.

7.5 **Steps and Railings** – The railings leading down to the new burial ground require a wood treatment and the notices need replacing.

7.6 **Mausoleum: Front door to the crypt** – Following September 2021 inspection, a piece of glass was placed across the small crack above the right-hand side of the door to check for movement. The Clerk reported the glass is still in-tact which would indicate there has been no further movement.

7.7 **Waste Bins** – Persons visiting both Burial Grounds are encouraged to take any materials which are not recyclable home.

7.8 **Oak Tree (OBG)** – Cllr. Lewis inspected the tree and reported no issues.

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7.10 **Compost Bin** – The compost bin is almost full to capacity and will be reviewed in September 2022.

7.11 Memorial Headstone: OBG 36 – Permission had previously been granted to re-instate the memorial but nothing has been done due to the family self-isolating re: COVID-19. The Clerk was asked to contact the family before the next meeting of the Burial Board in September 2022.

Memorial Headstone: OBG 98 – The face of the memorial headstone is coming away. The Clerk confirmed there has been no response from the family and it appears that nobody has visited the grave. Review September 2022.

7.12 Memorials with some movement but concurred ground anchor in situ. – Review all in September 2022:

- NBG 263
- NBG 268
- NBG 306
- NBG 357

7.13 Memorial with some movement and staked – Review in September 2022:

- NBG 228

8. To note communication received since the last Burial Board meeting:

8.1 Person in charge of the Electoral Roll of St. Mary's Church – The Burial Board have been notified that Lesley Kershaw is responsible for the Electoral Roll of St. Mary's Church.

9. To consider and review the Burial Board Regulations (Revised 2019)

The Burial Board considered whether the Clerk should be added to Pt. 2F of the Burial Board Regulations 'Any person who has served on the Parish Council for more than 5 years continuously'.

RESOLVED: The Burial Board considered and resolved to approve to include the Clerk to Pt. 2F of the Burial Board Regulations which should read as follows:

'Any person who has served on the Parish Council or has been employed as Clerk for more than 5 years continuously.'

Proposed: Cllr. S.Lewis

Seconded: Cllr. J.Shufflebottom

10. To consider any other matters relating to the Burial Board and Burial Ground:

10.1 Burial Board Clerk

RESOLVED: The Burial Board resolved to approve that although the current Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Thorpe, is officially retiring from the Parish Council, she will continue to Clerk for the Burial Board on a voluntary basis.

Proposed: Cllr. S.Lewis

Seconded: Cllr. J.Wilkinson

10.2 Exclusive Right of Burial (NBG 298) – Members of the Burial Board and the Clerk signed the Exclusive Right of Burial (No. 244).

11. To confirm the date of the next Burial Board Meeting: Monday 5th September 2022

Minutes taken by: The Clerk

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Date: 10th May 2022