

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Nether Alderley Burial Board Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 6.00 p.m. Nether Alderley Parish Hall

In the Chair: Cllr. S.Lewis

Parish Councillors present: J.Shufflebottom, J.Wilkinson and A.Farrell

Also present: The Parish Council Clerk

1. **Burial Ground Inspection** – An inspection of the Burial Ground was carried out by members of the Burial Board on Monday 3rd April 2023.

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

3. **To note the Minutes of the Burial Board meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 which were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 11th October 2022.**

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 requires a wood treatment which will be carried out in the summer.

7.2 **Paths** – Treated Autumn 2022

7.3 **Kissing Gates (x2)** – No action required.

7.4 **Benches** – One bench in the New Burial Ground and a bench outside the Parish Hall, requires a wood treatment which will be carried out in the summer. In addition, a slat on the bench to the rear of the Parish Hall needs a small repair.

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** – No action required.

7.7 **Gate in the New Burial Ground** – No action required.

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

7.9 **Water Source** – No action required.

7.10 **Trees, Bushes and Hedges** – Cllr. Lewis inspected all the trees in both the burial grounds and reported no issues. However, Councillors noted the tree to commemorate the Late Noni Watkins has been planted too close to another tree. Cllr. Lewis kindly offered to re-site it.

7.11 **Other** – No action required.

7.12 **Compost Bin** – The Clerk will replace the notice to deter users from placing woody and other non-compostable material in the compost bin.

- 7.13 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 will contact the family for an update before the next meeting of the Burial Board in September 2023.

Memorial Headstone: OBG 166 – The memorial headstone had become detached from the base and was considered unstable as there was no anchor in place. The headstone was laid flat and the Clerk was asked to contact the family.

Memorials with some movement but concurred ground anchor in situ. – Review all in September 2023:

- OBG 194
- OBG 49
- NBG 263
- NBG 268
- NBG 306
- NBG 357

Memorial with some movement and staked – Review in September 2023:

- NBG 228
- NBG 301

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

8.1 Enquiry from a local resident requesting confirmation if their address is within Nether Alderley or Alderley? – The Clerk had recently obtained an Ecclesiastical map confirming the address in question is within the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Church. Cllr. Shufflebottom will formally confirm the above in writing.

8.2 Enquiry requesting confirmation of eligibility for future use of the burial ground – The criteria was discussed in detail and it was agreed Cllr. Shufflebottom should formally confirm eligibility.

9. To consider and review the Burial Board Regulations (Revised 2019) – Maintained. No action required.

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 Mrs. Jenny Shufflebottom will continue to support the current Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Thorpe, on a voluntary basis.*

Proposed: *Cllr. S.Lewis*

Seconded: *Cllr. J.Wilkinson*

11. To confirm the date of the next Burial Board Meeting: *Monday 4th September 2023 at 6.00 p.m.*

Minutes taken by: The Clerk

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Date: 11th April 2023