

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Nether Alderley Burial Board Meeting held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

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In the Chair: Cllr. S.Lewis

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

1. **Burial Ground Inspection** – The Clerk inspected the Burial Ground re: COVID-19 and social distancing.
2. **To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr. Y.Bentley
3. **Councillors noted the Minutes of the Burial Board meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 which were approved at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th September 2020.**
4. **Public presentation** – There was no public representation
5. **The meeting resumed**
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 actions in relation to the Burial Ground inspection**

The Clerk confirmed that, further to inspection of all aspects of the burial ground, the following issues were noted:

- 7.1 **William Morris Bench (painted 2016)** – The bench which is located in front of the Parish Hall is in need of cleaning/wood treatment which will be carried out during the Summer, subject to social distancing re: COVID-19. Review September 2021.
- 7.2 **Entrance to the field** – The area has been strimmed and is now clear to enable vehicular access.
- 7.3 **Paths** – The paths outside the Parish Hall have been treated with a chemical weed treatment. Review September 2021.
- 7.4 **Steps and Railings** – Some moss is evident on the steps leading to the NBG which will be removed asap. The wooden handrail is need of a wood treatment which will be carried out during the Summer, subject to social distancing re: COVID-19. Review September 2021.
- 7.5 **Mausoleum** – Councillors noted the Mausoleum is currently providing temporary storage which belong to the church and Michael Pennlington. As part of the current status enquiry of the JMC and ownership of the original school room/upper room, a formal agreement between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council will be drawn up to provide permanent storage. Review September 2021.
- 7.6 **Waste Bins** – It was noted that families visiting the burial ground are using the small bin or the compost heap to dispose of rubbish. A notice has been placed above the bin to encourage users to take any rubbish home with them.
- 7.7 **Oak Tree (OBG)** – No issues. To be reviewed in September 2021.
- 7.8 **Oak Tree** – No issues. To be reviewed in September 2021.
- 7.9 **Compost Bin** – The compost bin is almost full. Review September 2021.

- 7.10 Memorial Headstone: OBG Grave 36** – The memorial headstone has been laid flat until the family can arrange to have the headstone repaired (BB permission given) re: COVID-19. Review September 2021.
- 7.11 Memorials with some movement but concurred ground anchor in-situ** – No issues. Review all in September 2021.

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

8.1 Concerns regarding an existing memorial (NBG 271) – The Clerk reported a family member was concerned about the level of the ground in front of the memorial which had dropped and whether it would affect/damage the memorial headstone. The Clerk had inspected the grave and taken photographs for the Burial Board to consider. It was agreed the level of the land had dropped and the Clerk was asked to contact the Groundsman to level the ground and assure the family that the memorial is secure and anchored on a concrete raft which has not been affected.

9. To consider and review the Burial Board Regulations (2019) – No amendments were made. The Clerk confirmed the revised booklet is available on the Parish Council website and copies had been emailed to local Funeral Directors and Revd. Jon Hale.

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

10.1 Exclusive Right of Burial (NBG 299) – See Part 2 Minutes: 07.04.21 (Appendix A)

11. To confirm the date of the next Burial Board meeting – The proposed date of the next Burial Board meeting is on Wednesday 8th September 2021 and will be approved at the Parish Council meeting in May 2021.

Minutes taken by: The Clerk

Signed..... Date 6th May 2021