

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Nether Alderley Burial Board Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2020 at 4.00 p.m.

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In the Chair: Cllr. S.Lewis

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

1. **Burial Ground Inspection** – Cllr. Lewis inspected the Burial Ground re: COVID-19 and social distancing.
2. **To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr. J.Wilkinson
3. **Councillors noted the Minutes of the Burial Board meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 which were approved at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th October 2018.**
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**

Cllr. Lewis confirmed that, further to inspection of all aspects of the burial ground, the following issues were noted:

- 7.1 **Mausoleum** – Councillors noted the Mausoleum is currently providing temporary storage which belong to the church and Michael Pennlington. At a recent meeting with the JMC and PCC, it was suggested that some alternative storage may be available when the Parish Hall has been refurbished.
 - 7.2 **Memorial Headstone: OBG Grave 165** – The memorial headstone has been laid flat on the existing kerb stones.
 - 7.3 **Memorial Headstone: NBG Grave 229** – Cllr Lewis confirmed there is an anchor in place and volunteered to bond the memorial headstone to the base which should resolve the problem.
 - 7.4 **Benches** – It had been agreed at the last meeting that all of the benches are in need of cleaning/wood treatment and councillors had suggested the clerk email local residents to ask if volunteers from the community could spare some time to help restore the benches to their former glory. However, due to COVID-19, current government guidelines are for people to stay at home, Councillors suggested emailing residents once social distancing has been lifted.
8. **To note communication received since the last Burial Board meeting:**
 - 8.1 **Communication regarding an existing enquiry re: Future use of the Burial Ground** – The Clerk had received a letter informing the Burial Board of a change of solicitor which will be kept on file.

9. **To consider and review the Transfer of Deed re: Exclusive Right of Burial** – No amendments were made. Councillors suggested that if the completed Transfer of Deed has not been received after 3 months following the interment, the Clerk should send a gentle reminder.

10. **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.

11. **To consider any other matters relating to the Burial Board and Burial Ground:**
 - 11.1 **The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations 2020** came into force on 26th March 2020 and apply to crematoria or burial grounds, including local authorities and private providers. Councillors acknowledged that all cemeteries should now be closed to the public (except for interments) but noted this would be difficult to implement as there is a public footpath running through the burial ground.

12. **To confirm the date of the next Burial Board meeting** – The date of the next Burial Board meeting will be confirmed at the Parish Council meeting in May 2020.

Minutes taken by: The Clerk

Signed..... Date 14th April 2020