

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge



Minutes of the Meeting of the Churchyard & Cemetery Committee
held on **Saturday 12th November 2022 at 09:30 in the Churchyard,
St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Road, Brampton.**

Present: Margaret Footner, Chairman (MF), Mike Bainbridge (MB), Nigel Maggs (NM),
Liz Ruston (LR)

In Attendance: Simon Jordan (SJ), Kathryn Hornett, Assistant Clerk (KH)

1. Receive Apologies

None.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

2.1 MF welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2.2 It was discussed that the church clock had been silenced; the committee, along with several Brampton residents, wanted to express their concern as it was felt that the chime was an important asset to the village, and conveyed that they believe this should be reinstated.

(It was noted that on leaving the church, the clock chimed however the committee were unsure if this was temporary in preparation for Remembrance Sunday the following day so would monitor this.)

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 LR has a memorial rose tree in the Garden of Remembrance.

3.2 Simon Jordan was invited and attending the meeting, no longer as a Parish Councillor but, as a representative of the Church.

4. To Receive and Approve Minutes of Meeting held 6th November 2021.

The minutes had been approved by the full Parish council at its' meeting held on 28th September therefore the minutes were taken as read.

5. Action List from the Above.

13.1.3 NM to meet with Paul Holden – Brampton General Builders – to gain a quote for the repair to the footpath.

KH had contacted several companies to repair and remodel the footpath due to continued complaints regarding the it's state so this would be left until further quotes were sourced.

10.1.2 To complete topple test of Churchyard & Cemetery.

Action: GT

10.2 Grounds men edged footpath and committee were happy with the works.

10.3 Richardsons have removed dead cherry trees behind graves 1177 & 1158

10.4 Richardsons have removed dead yew tree next to grave 1174B and ivy stump beside it

10.5 Richardsons have removed dead branch hanging over grave 1179A & B

10.6 Grounds men to maintain laurels

Action: DH

- 10.8 Grounds men cut and tidied block hedge in front of grave 654, old churchyard
- 10.9 Richardsons removed self seeded sycamore whips outside vicarage
- 10.1.1 Richardsons quoted and quotations accepted for the trees encroaching on Church Cottage, and are awaiting planning permission before booking works.
- 10.1.3 Grounds men filled holes in New Cem III by grave 1472 & cleared around tree
- 10.1.3 Grounds men cleared sticks around Garden of Remembrance.

6. General

- 6.1 None.

7. To discuss the future Burial Ground – Update

- 7.1 Following the site survey, it was noted that the size of the land was considerably smaller than the committee thought, however after the Clerk looked back through emails it seems that it is the size that was originally offered; the solicitor is waiting for our agreement to proceed.
- 7.2 The committee unanimously agreed to go ahead with the land that has been officered, after discussing that it would provide us an extension able to house burials for good number of additional years.

8. Inspection

- 8.1 Grounds men to remove any glass and other disallowed items from Garden of Remembrance
- 8.2 Grounds men to remove temporary plaques from Garden of Remembrance, unless plot is otherwise unmarked
- 8.3 To contact several grave owners in Churchyard to ask for removal of ornaments etc due to the rules of the lawn cemetery
- 8.4 To contact funeral directors to ask that grave diggers ensure all stones are cleared away into the grave from which they came
- 8.5 Grounds men to clear leaves throughout Churchyard & Cemetery – Councillors asked if the leaf blower/h Hoover purchased a few years ago is used?
- 8.6 Grounds men to put something in the drain leading to the water butt to stop leaves building up
- 8.7 The committee wanted to express their thanks and to pass on their compliments to the grounds men as the Churchyard & Cemetery were looking very tidy and well looked after
- 8.8 Grounds men to cut down the height and to continue cutting back & maintaining the laurels in the Old Churchyard
- 8.9 Remove dead branch overhanging footpath beside the vicarage, near the grave of Martha Shepperd

9. Next agenda items

- 11.1 To agree

Next meeting to be confirmed.

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

