

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Alan Mellor

Minutes of the Meeting of the Churchyard & Cemetery Committee
held on **Tuesday 30th October 2023 in the Churchyard,
St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Road, Brampton.**

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

In Attendance: Tess Rogers Clerk (TR), Paula Moore, Assistant Clerk (PM),
Simon Jordan (SJ),

1. Receive Apologies

- 1.1. Keith Wood (KW) sent his apologies.
Duncan Goldthorpe sent his apologies.

2. Chairpersons Opening Remarks

- 2.1 MF Thanked everyone for voting her back in as Chairperson, and thanked JMB for standing in at the last meeting.
- 2.2 MF also thanked everyone for attending and welcomed PM the new Assistant Clerk.

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1. There were no declarations received.

4. To Receive and Approve Minutes of Meeting held 12th July 2023

- 4.1. The minutes were proposed by LR, seconded by JMB, and unanimously agreed by all councilors present at the meeting. JMB duly signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

5. Action List from the Above.

- 10.6 Grounds men to maintain all laurels. Completed.
- 9.1. To contact the Church Buildings and Pastoral Department regarding a faculty for RBL memorial. There was a discussion regarding this and no firm decision was reached. Several options were raised (grass/astro turf). Ongoing.
- 11.1 To remove dead branches from the Pine tree opposite grave space 141 in Triangle 1. Ongoing.
- 11.2 To remove snapped pine branch from tree above grave space 958 Old Churchyard. Ongoing.
- 11.3 To level with soil and grass seed over between rose trees in Garden of Remembrance, to keep tidy. Ongoing.
- 11.4 To cut down/remove rose tree growing up grave space 1468 New Cemetery III. Ongoing.
- 11.5 Remove weeds/weed spray stoned path beside grave space. Ongoing.

6. 2024- 25 Budget

- 6.1 TR presented projected figures of £4,600 income and £1450 expenditure to the end of March 2024 which does not include grounds contractors' costs. Should no work be carried out on the new burial ground during the next financial year

anticipated expenditure over income would be cira £5,500 plus grounds contractor costs to be confirmed.

7. General

- 7.1 It was agreed that the war memorial will be retained.
Even if a larger memorial is sited elsewhere in the village.
- 7.2 The cleaning of the memorial was raised and agreed this is the responsibility of the Royal British Legion (RBL).
- 7.3 The area around the memorial needs attention and several possible options were discussed. These were re-grassing Semi permeable Astro type grass. (this option would restrict people being able to place crosses), or paving the area.
- 7.4 LR proposed that quotes are obtained for the various options to be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 7.5 The gravel pathway leading from the main path and around the Montagues vault needs to have the shuttering replaced as the existing has decayed.
- 7.6 The soil from the heap near the boundary fence will be used to fill in between the memorial rose trees and then seeded for grass.
- 7.7 The moss on the Obelisk needs attention.
- 7.8 MF has asked for the keys to the groundsmans' sheds to ascertain what needs to be done with regard to possible squirrel damage in the store etc.

8. Future Burial Ground – the management of any immediate work required.

- 8.1 It was agreed that the hedge should remain as a natural divide between the existing and the new burial grounds.
- 8.2 The new burial ground will need to be fenced in, weeds and long grass removed to ground level.
- 8.3 The soil store which housed a fire needs the back wall needs to be repaired as several bricks are loose.

9. To discuss request for works on RBL Memorial, beside church door

- 9.1 Please see 7.2 to 7.4 above.

10. Inspection

- 10.1 NM agreed to meet the groundsman to walk around the Churchyard and point out the trees that need attention, hedges to be removed and ivy to be cleared. This refers to items listed in section 5 points 9.1, 11.1 – 11.5.

11. Memorial Trees and Benches

- 11.1 The committee discussed the subject of memorial trees and benches and agreed that there are enough of both currently located in the village. It was suggested that perhaps Brampton Gate would benefit from some benches. Approval for this would need to be obtained from the appropriate management company as they may already have plans to place benches on the estate..

12. Next agenda items

- 12.1 There were no items put forward for the next meeting.

Next meeting date to be confirmed.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: