

# **BEDALE, AISKEW,**

## **LEEMING BAR & BURRILL**

### **JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE**

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## **Minutes**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

**7.00pm: The Drawing Room at Bedale Hall**

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**10-24 Apologies: Malcolm Young, Cllr C Mollard, Cllr A Hallett**

**11-24 The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were inspected and approved as a true and accurate record.**

**Proposed by: Cllr I Marr**

**Seconded by: Cllr D Ingram**

**12-24 Clerk's updates and correspondence:**

- a. The Clerk confirmed that the 'Purchase Deed of Land adjoining Parsonage House', dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 1921, **does** give visitors to the cemetery a right of way to pass over the track from Emgate to the cemetery. A solicitor from Eccles Heddon has read the document and also confirms this. The Clerk looked into further options to officially identify the right of way, through the solicitor applying to Register a Right of Way through Land Registry at a cost of £643 or we could apply for a 'Definitive Map Modification Order' from the NYCC Right of Way Office, to request this is added to the map. The Cllrs were satisfied that the existing 1921 Deed clearly confirms our Right of Access and felt no further action was necessary. Cllr Ingram queried the possibility of road surfacing.

**Action: Clerk to contact Bedale Town Council**

- b. We had an email request from a company working with Northern Powergrid to purchase the meadow land. Cllr Marr contacted Dale Miller to explain the land would be unsuitable for any development.
- c. Whilst looking through the archives, an official document was found from December 2000. A 'Grant of Easement' was issued between the Diocese and Yorkshire Water where a sewerage pipe appears to have been laid along the Beech hedge line from the Millings through to the Scout and Guide Hut. The Deed states that nothing can be constructed over the pipe, 3 metres either side of the centre of the pipe. The implications of this are that we lose approximately 30 burial plots, at a potential income loss of 35k – 45k. Cllr Marr has investigated the pipework from the Millings to the cemetery and is in the process of challenging Yorkshire Water to identify the exact location of the pipe after the Clerk failed to convince Yorkshire Water to act. If Yorkshire Water continue to refuse to accept responsibility, Cllr Marr suggested getting a topical survey? . The only quote we received is from MWS Contracts. They recommend jetting and flushing the pipework and CCTV exploration to ensure the pipes are not leaking.

**Action: to go ahead with flushing/jetting and CCTV of the surface water drainage pipe. Cllr Marr to continue to discuss Yorkshire Water taking responsibility for the foul pipe. To avoid all burials along the hedge line.**

- d. We had an enquiry from 'Enviromena', a company also working with Northern Power Grid, who are coordinating the facilitation of a new connection to a planned solar farm in Bedale. The work will commence sometime in the future (could be years) and will involve 1 – 2 weeks of mechanical equipment, digging a trench to lay cabling in the meadow up to the existing overhead structure. The land will be returned to its current state and they will pay an ex gratia payment of £5000. The Chairman will need to sign a legal contract. The Councillors approve the plan in principle and will need more detail before final approval can be given.

**Action: Clerk to convey the Cllrs decision to 'Enviromena'**

**13-24 f. Memorial applications:** The following Memorial Applications were approved:

- Wall plaque MW32 : for Jean Johnston
- MW38: Wall plaque for Ian Morris
- CC30: New headstone for Alan Gatenby
- GG26: New headstone for Richard Lamming
- L37: Additional inscription for Joanna Dalton
- 1-L14: Additional inscription for Dennis Carling
- OCY: Additional inscription for Bernard Watson
- 1-K11: Additional inscription for Margaret Ward
- II27: New headstone for Barbara Jaques -amended

**The following application to be discussed**

- FF25: New headstone for Richard Kingsbury: As the deceased had previously been a Canon of Oxford, there is a tradition that clergymen are buried the opposite way round and the headstone also positioned the opposite way round. Cllr D Ingram felt that tradition should be upheld and members all approved.

**Action: Clerk to inform Pickards**

**14-24 'Grant of Exclusive Rights of Burial' :**

- ERB no: 431 for CP
- ERB no: 432 for RW
- ERB no: 433 for JD

**15-24 Rules and Regulations:**

- a. It was noticed that a new grave has been planted up with an assortment of plants. This is not allowed under the Rules as makes grass cutting difficult. The Councillors felt it would set a precedence if we were to ignore it.

**Action: Clerk to write to the family**

**16-24 Accounts:**

The quarterly financial reports were inspected and approved.

- a. The Clerk's salary and expenses were inspected and approved.  
**Proposed by: Cllr D Ingram, Seconded by: Rev S Moor**

**Cllr I Marr declared an interest.**

- b. Yorwaste have increased their charges by 6.99% from 1.4.2024
- c. The Councillors resolved to add Cllr C Mollard as a signatory on the current and reserve accounts held at Nat West. All members were in approval.

**17-24**

**General maintenance and memorials:**

- a. The headstones in Beech Hedge and the Memorial Wall area have been tested. The majority are safe and stable, few in each area need review in 2 years, rather than 4 years.
- b. The Clerk has received many complaints from distressed relatives who have been unable to visit their family graves in the area opposite the Memorial Wall due to the whole area being flooded for months. The Clerk contacted three companies for advice and quotes. The first one did not respond. Coxons did attend and carried out some tests which indicated the work they carried out in 2021 is still working well. Their opinion was that it would not be necessary at this stage to carry out any further work as unprecedented amounts of rainfall over the winter and spring are deemed to be a 1/100 year event. The Clerk and Cllr Marr met with the third contractor who suggested installing two more French drains and provided a quote. In view of the distress being caused and no sign of the problem resolving, Cllr Ingram felt it was appropriate to accept the advice and quote. The members approved unanimously.  
**Action: Clerk to contact the owners of the graves and bench for permission. Clerk to inform the joint councils of unexpected costs.**

- c. **18-24 Date of next meeting :**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 6pm by **the War Memorial** followed by the quarterly meeting at 7pm in Bedale Hall