

Brandon Town Council  
Annual Cemetery Meeting  
Monday 9th August 2021

## BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Brandon Town Council Cemetery Meeting  
held on Monday 9th August 2021 at Brandon Cemetery,  
Church Road, Brandon at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr S Skinner (Chair), Cllr S Annear, Cllr L Atkins, Cllr B Brabbs,  
Cllr P Etherington, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr D Moore,  
Cllr D Palmer, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr N Vant, Cllr P Wittam

Councillor Skinner welcomed those present.

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and approval of reason tendered.  
Cllr S Corciulo, Cllr J Lloyd-Blackwell
  
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interests.  
Cllr P Ridgwell – has exclusive rights, Cllr S Skinner - Funeral Director, Cllr D Moore  
employed by Funeral Director.

Cllr Skinner invited Sqn Ldr Geary to address the Councillors. The Sqn Ldr informed Council that a number of aircraft would be returning from exercise. The presence of larger aircraft flying into Lakenheath is due to a runway issue at RAF Brize Norton. Cllr Lukaniuk having represented Brandon Town Council at a function at RAF Mildenhall asked that Sqn Ldr Geary send his thanks to the Commanding Officer.

- 3 **ISSUES RAISED DURING THE TOUR OF THE BRANDON CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD** including matters raised by the correspondence received by Revd Coburn.

The assembled Councillors proceeded in a clockwise manner through the cemetery to look at the new ashes plots established in the area where the old temporary building had stood. Cllr Palmer stated he wished to thank the town keepers for their excellent work on behalf of Brandon Town Councillors.

Councillors proceeded to move through the cemetery area noting previous issues with the southern hedge line had now been resolved. A question was raised regarding the reuse of section one. Cllr Skinner stated that he believed there was a area in section one where no graves were present. The Clerk informed Councillors of the process for reusing graves after the one-hundred-year time period had elapsed.

Councillors then proceeded into the closed churchyard to look at issues raised by the Revd Coburn. The first major issue being the retaining wall in the south-west corner of the Churchyard. The Clerk is to arrange access via the Manor House Close allotments to enable a full inspection of the wall and a subsequent quotation.

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Councillors then took note of the holly tree adjacent to the chancel of St Peter's. The Clerk will be taking advice from the West Suffolk Tree Officer regarding what actions can be taken regarding this tree.

The main pathway through the Churchyard was inspected as this had been raised by Revd Coburn as being unsafe. The Councillors general opinion was that this path was in much better condition than others in Brandon and the town keepers would be instructed to continue to patch repair as required.

Councillors noted a number of tombs did require the ivy to be removed, the Clerk assured the meeting that this would be accomplished in due course. It had been noted that the Revd Coburn required the tombs to be repaired, the Clerk was to investigate this matter in more detail with SALC and NALC.

Councillors were informed that the opening in the box hedge would be maintained when hedge cutting started (September) and that the ivy on the walls would be removed as and when it appears.

- 4 URGENT BUSINESS** any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business.  
None.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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