

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

A report of the Cemetery Working Party Meeting

held on 7th June, 2016

at Ledbury Cemetery

Present: Councillors M. Eager, B. Barnes, K. Francis, N. Roberts, A. Manns

Also Present: Mark Bateman, Groundsman

1. Members examined the stone boundary wall running from the Oakland Drive entrance to the rubbish area, members noted that the section nearest the bins was in more urgent need of repair than the lower section, but noted that the all the wall in that area was in need of attention including the capping stones, some of which are in a very poor condition and need urgent attention. Members noted a couple of sections of bowing wall adjacent bordering New Street, not urgent with Mark stating that he can make good during the winter.

Recommendation: That suitable to funds being available for approx. 40 metres of the upper section of the wall (inc buttresses and some capping stones) be made good along with other identified issues.

Recommendation: That an immediate long term plan of works is set-up to cover repairs and maintenance of all the cemetery boundary stone walls.

2. Members then looked at the new Childrens burial area and recommended to Mark the future grave layout that would ensure zero disturbance to existing graves.
3. Members then looked at burials in the new burial area (bordering the football club) and the number of unmarked graves.

Recommendation: That a new clause is inserted into all the Undertakers contracts specifying that all graves and ashes interments are given a long term marker (similar to what is already provided by Abbotsfield).

Recommendation: That all Undertakers are contacted re unmarked graves in the new area and requested to provide grave markers on all identified unmarked graves as a matter of urgency.

Recommendation: That the current policy of no wooden crosses or other forms of memorials apart from traditional stone memorials be looked at with the Clerk/Deputy Clerk.

4. Finally members looked at the ashes interment area and noted that there was very limited space left and that a new area needed to be made ready.

Recommendation: That the Clerk is made aware of the immediate need to prepare a new ashes interment area and that funding is made available for Mark to start preparation work as soon as possible.