

ALEY GREEN CEMETERY JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD AT ALEY GREEN CEMETERY ON THURSDAY 29th JUNE 2017.

Present: Chair: Cllr. A Palmer; Cllr. H Palmer; Cllr. H Chapman; Cllr. P Sherriff; Cllr. S Baird
Cllr. R Peterson; Mr. J Holmes.
Clerk: P Segal

Apologies: Cllr. D Kao.

Actions 17/18/14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2017 were an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
This was proposed by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr. Sherriff.

17/18/15

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

17/18/16

GENERAL MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Lodge House

Mr Holmes said that the damp issue has now been resolved.

Cemetery

Mr, Holmes showed the Committee the remains of a large tree that had fallen last month. There were a number of trees along the right-hand perimeter that needed felling as they will eventually fall. As we may be using this area in the future to continue to site graves, it was agreed that Mr. Holmes start to remove these trees and any costs involved will be covered by the Committee. **(J.H)**

Mr Homes showed the Committee the concrete path at the side of the Lodge House, which has started to break up.

It was agreed to remove this path and install a new one.

The Clerk was asked to contact builders for quotes **(P.S)**

The gates and railings have been painted by Mr. Holmes.

The Cherry tree at the front of the Cemetery has now died and it was agreed that Mr. Holmes should remove it. **(J.H)**

17/18/17

CHEQUES FOR AUTHORISATION AND APPROVAL

Cheques for Authorisation and Payment were presented by the Clerk.

These were unanimously approved and signed by Cllrs A and H Palmer **(Appendix A)**

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SITES FOR NEW BURIALS

Because of a number of new burials taken place over the last three months, the remaining space for burials on the left of the path is starting to run out.

We have only seventeen spaces left and space my well run out in the next two years.

The field behind the Cemetery may be purchased, but the amount wanted makes this undesirable, and it is subject to flooding.

The ground to the right of the path has burials dating back to the mid-1850s and the Committee looked at where we should start to re-use space there.

After discussion. It was agreed to re-use space starting at the Garden of Remembrance and work forward in blocks of fifteen.

The Chair requested that the subject of burial plots for ashes be put onto the next Agenda **(P.S)**

17/18/19

GENERAL ISSUES

Mr. Holmes showed the Committee a tree that needed to be removed as it had been damaged and is in danger of falling onto headstones.

It was agreed to remove this tree professionally and the Clerk was requested to contact a tree surgeon to remove it **(P.S)**

There is a headstone for Charles Frederick Rance that is sinking and the ground needs repairing. The Clerk was requested to contact the plot holder to request that they repair the ground under the stone.

One grave has heather growing on it that is against the rules. The Clerk was asked to contact the plot holders to ask that this is removed. **(P.S)**

The grave of Phyllis Wendy McArdle has now sunk and is in danger of visitors falling. The Clerk was asked to contact our contractor to fill this grave and grass it over for ease of mowing. A sign for the Gardens of Remembrance is needed and the Clerk was requested to order one. **(P.S)**

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm at the Jones Room, Markyate.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Signed.....Date.....

Appendix A

**Cheques for Approval
June 2017**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
R Kempson	Grass Cutting May 17	£280-00	100847
A Prothero	Weeding	£35-00	100848
R Kempson	Grass Cutting June 17	£420-00	100849
N West	Internal Audit Fee	£60-00	100850
J Holmes	New Chain for saw and other	£65-65	100851

Aley Green Cemetery	Movement of funds to Deposit Acct.	£2,000-00	100852
Beds Pension Fund	Pension payment Q1	£178-29	100853
P Segal	Clerks Salary Q1	£486-56	100854
P Segal	Clerks Expenses Q1	£102-83	100855
HMRC	PAYE Q1	£130-60	100856