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CHURCHYARDS AND ENVIRONMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD: 17 February 2020, 7.30pm
VENUE: Ingatestone Library, High Street

Present: Cllrs R Lee (Vice Chair) P Jeater C Baker D Carpenter
D Sankey C Russell
Also Present: A Wood (Clerk and RFO)
Absent Cllr R Pittman

CE20/001 To elect a Chair for the committee

Cllr Lee opened the meeting but advised that she was not able to take the position of Chair. Cllr Jeater offered to take the position until the committee reorganisation in May. This was agreed by all.

Cllr Jeater took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

CE20/002 Apologies for Absence to be received but not approved

No apologies were received.

CE20/003 Announcements and Declarations of Interest

None were presented.

CE20/004 Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 9 December 2019

Approved with no amendments and signed by Cllr Jeater.

CE20/005 Public participation session

No members of the public were present.

CE20/006 Matters arising for report (not for resolution)

There were no matter arising for report.

CE20/007 Tree charter

The Clerk advised that the hedging packs for the far end of Seymour Field were due for delivery in the next few weeks. It was agreed that to organise the event with no clear delivery date was no feasible and the Clerk was given authority to instruct JPB Landscapes to plant the hedge as soon as possible at a maximum cost of £500.

Proposed: Cllr Jeater

All agreed

CE20/008 High Street Christmas Tree

The Clerk asked for approval to investigate installing a large Christmas tree in Market Place to accompany the High Street Christmas trees. She outlined the investigations that had already taken place and the committee agreed for her to proceed and report at the next meeting.

CE20/009 Additional works on Fairfield and the church lawn

The committee reviewed quotes from JPB Landscapes for additional work in Fairfield (not approved) and the monthly weeding and feeding of the Ingatestone church lawn and this was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Jeater

All agreed

CE20/010 Sunken grave at St Edmunds and St Marys Church, Ingatestone

The Clerk provided a brief history of this matter and advised that the Diocese had rejected a proposed fence for the sunken grave. The Clerk was asked to source a new fence

CE20/011 Shakespeare on Fairfield

Cllr Jeater spoke about a proposal he had received in partnership with his connection with the Cricket Club. The committee agreed that the event would be very welcome but asked the Clerk to confirm with Lord Petre in the first instance.

CE20/012 Fairfield cut-through

The recent issue of antisocial behaviour and the cut-through from Fairfield to Fairfield Close was discussed and concern was raised about the right to access created over time. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the owner to discuss her findings.

CE20/013 Budget 2020/21

It was noted that Fryerning Parish Rooms had rejected the offer of the provision of a planter and it was agreed that this amount be allocated to the provision of seating in the cemetery annexe. The Clerk was also asked to cost the re-gravelling of the path in the annexe.

CE19/114 To consider any work that can be undertaken by the Parish Caretaker

There were no further suggestions at this time.

CE19/115 NATS team and rangers work

There were no further suggestions at this time.

CE19/116 Items for inclusion in the next Agenda (not requiring resolution or action)

- Friends of Fryerning Cemetery

CE19/117 Close of meeting

The Chair thanked the Cllrs for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16 March 2020 at 7.30pm Venue: Ingatestone Library, High Street