

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 9.02pm**

**Present:** Councillors S Laycock (Chair), W Rudd (Vice-chair), B Thomas, K Qureshi, G Gardner, A Vale

**Attending:** S Cowie (Assistant Clerk)

**Minutes Taken by:** S Cowie

**23/618 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors J Paxton and N Day.

**23/619 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None declared.

**23/620 MATTERS ARISING**

The Peace Clock at St Nicholas has been repaired and is keeping time. The quote for the annual service by The Cumbria Clock Company has been received (£220.00 + VAT). The date for the next service will be confirmed.

**23/621 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BURIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

There were no queries on the minutes. Councillor Laycock **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner with **5 in favour and 1 abstention**. The minutes were approved.

**23/622 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INSPECTIONS OF THE CHURCHYARD, BURIAL GROUND AND WAR MEMORIAL**

The inspections undertaken on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April were acknowledged.

Burial Ground and Churchyard– on 9<sup>th</sup> April the grass was noted as needs cutting and on 23<sup>rd</sup> April the Groundsmen noted that the grass cuttings need raking up.

Also, in the Burial Ground a section of box hedge has not recovered from the moth infestation and in the churchyard the marked-up headstones were noted as safe. Everything was in order at the War Memorial.

**23/623 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT AND AGREE ACTIONS**

The groundsmen have finished hedge cutting and removal of the damaged shrub at the War Memorial. Following consultation with the War Memorials Trust on the proposal to add a low fence to the memorial surround, the Trust have advised they are not in favour and provided guidance and suggestions for other options.

It was agreed that a site meeting should take place to agree the next stage of the project. The meeting date was agreed as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 5pm.

**23/624 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE D-DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION EVENT ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 AND AGREE ACTIONS AND ANY COST**

An update on progress was provided by the Assistant Clerk. Arrangements will be progressed over the coming weeks ready for the event on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

It was agreed that D-Day Commemorative lamp post signs should be purchased from the Royal British Legion at a cost of £4.99 each and 1 D-Day flag at a cost of £19.99 plus delivery, within the agreed budget for the event. It was noted that there is a flagpole at Richard Miller White Dentists and Councillor Laycock agreed to enquire whether the D-Day flag can be flown from their flagpole which is in the centre of the village.

**23/625 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 9.53pm