

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BURIAL BOARD HELD ON  
THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM  
AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

**Present :** Cllrs:- Henderson, Kent, Lee (Chairman), & Pryke.

**In attendance :** Mr S L Dartford (Clerk) & Cllr. Dockerill.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

A nomination was received for Cllr. Lee to remain as Chairman. There were no other nominations. Cllr. Lee accepted the nomination.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Kent.                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Pryke.                      **Vote:** Carried.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

All Members were present.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None were received.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY  
25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Proposed :** Cllr. Pryke.                      **Seconded :** Cllr. Kent.                      **Vote :** Carried.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**6. TO REVIEW BURIAL GROUND FEES.**

The meeting was aware that the Burial Ground fees had been increased by 10% last year and during discussion felt that the fees should be increased in line with the precept to cover maintenance costs and would be acceptable in the current financial circumstances. It was, therefore, resolved to increase all the Burial Ground fees by 4%.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Pryke.                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Kent.                      **Vote:** Carried.

**7. UPDATE OF AVAILABLE PLOTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ACQUISITION OF LAND.**

The meeting was advised that 2 plots, both for double interments, had been purchased since the last meeting. Two interments have taken place in pre-purchased plots, therefore, 15 plots remain, although land may be available on the eastern side for a further 3 or possibly 5 plots. The meeting noted that, at the current level of Exclusive Right of Burial purchases and interments, enough plots remained for at least a further 10 years.

The Chairman advised the meeting that consideration had been given to acquiring part of the land south of Oaklands, but as a full archaeological survey would need to be undertaken, at the Parish Council's expense, the option was not financially feasible. However, the possibility still remained for using part of the pathway from the tree to the hedge at the northern end of the Burial Ground.

8. **WAR MEMORIAL AND HEADSTONES UPDATE.**

The meeting was advised that a survey of headstones had been undertaken last year. A number had been found to be unsafe, and to date, the Parish Council's stone mason had effected repairs with the exception of 2 which are expected to be made safe within the next few weeks.

A Parishioner had reported that cracks had appeared in the War Memorial, the Chairman had inspected the War Memorial and had found nothing of significant concern. However, the Parish Council's stone mason has been contacted and will conduct a survey. The Chairman and Clerk will also be in attendance when the survey is undertaken.

9. **PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.**

1). The Chairman asked for a request to be made, in the next edition of Spectrum, that all Christmas Wreaths and flowers are removed from graves by Easter.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ ( Chairman ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( Date )