



Minutes

Minutes of the Heath & Reach Parish Council Cemetery Committee meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023 at (following the Full PC Meeting) at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

1. **a) Meeting Attendees:** Cllrs. Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Inns & Bevan

b) Apologies: Cllrs. Loomes & Smith

c) Absentees: None

2. **Declaration of interest:** None

3. **Review of income & expenditure:**

Income: £4,800.00 Expenditure: £4,699.00

4. **For Information only:**

a) Church wall: Wall has now been rebuilt.

b) Meeting with Church Wardens:

Clerk met with Church Warden & Vicar. They asked the Clerk to put to the PC the following. Clerk will report back to them with answers.

i) Beehive – The Church would like to have bees in the Cemetery possibly where the current compost area is. However, they have already spoken to the Landowner behind the Church who has suggested this is not an ideal spot as they spray their ground. PC will not take any responsibility for bees and therefore do not agree to a beehive on their ground. If the Church wish to have a bees, then it must be on their land, suggested area, behind Church Hall where a beehive once sat – IT WAS AGREED.

ii) Compost area – Church would like the compost area tidied up with the installation of concrete style compost bins. Plastic bins that were agreed by PC earlier in 2023 are not ideal as the Church sees itself as an 'eco' Church. Cllr Boyden pointed out that concrete is not necessarily 'eco-friendly'. PC will not install concrete compost area but have no objection should the Church wish to go ahead with it – IT WAS AGREED.

iii) Hedge at front of Cemetery – Church asked if in the future the hedge could be cut back further to allow for more room on pavement. Clerk to speak to Contractors.

iv) Church drive – Church pointed out that the drive is used by such people as grave diggers, payback team etc with large vehicles and feel that these contribute to the damage to the drive.

PC will not pay for a new drive as it is the Church's responsibility.

however, did suggest such things as contacting CBC regarding grants, fundraising or donations.

c) Problem with moles: Cemetery is overrun with moles. Clerk has instructed a mole catcher to deal with situation as humanely as possible. Mole catcher sourced through the Association of Professional Mole Catchers website.

Clerk confirmed that current pest control company that come in quarterly are no longer licensed to deal with moles as from January 2024. Therefore, future work will be dealt with on an as and when basis.

5. **Future projects to be considered:** Back hedge cutting

6. **Any other business:** None

7. **Future dates for 2023/24 meetings:**

4th March 2024

Meeting closed at: 7.54pm

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