



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Cemeteries and Appeals Working Group

Time and date

9.30 am on Thursday 1st July, 2021

Place

Council Chamber - Town Council Offices

Attendees:

Members: Councillors Carole Cockburn (Lead Member), David Attfield, Alan Earwaker (ex-Officio), Kika Mirylees, Pat Evans and Mark Merryweather

Officers: Iain Lynch (Town Clerk), Iain McCready (Business and Facilities Manager) and Adrienne Owen (Cemeteries and Memorials Administrator)

1. Apologies for Absence

POINTS	ACTION
Apologies were received from Councillor Fraser.	

2. Declarations of Interest

POINTS	ACTION
None received.	

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

POINTS	ACTION
The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28 th January 2021 were agreed.	

4. Recent Appeals

POINTS	ACTION
The Working Group welcomed family members who had made an appeal against the decision made by the Working Group to not allow a kerb set around a grave situated in West Street Cemetery. The Working Group had	Councillor Cockburn to

refused the original application in 2007 as the new Cemetery Regulations at that time did not allow kerb sets in West Street Cemetery other than in exceptional circumstances. The Working Group were minded to refuse the Appeal but invited the family to make a personal appeal explaining why they considered the appeal should be allowed.

respond to the family on the decision of the Appeal Panel.

After the family left the meeting, the Working Group considered the merits of the request in detail and concluded that the circumstances had not changed and the situation was not one to justify allowing the appeal. Nonetheless, the Appal Panel wished to work with the family to find an alternate solution if this were possible. It was agreed the Lead Member would write to the family on the outcome of the Appeal Panel's decision.

5. Maintenance of the Cemeteries

POINTS	ACTION
The Working Group were given an update on the recent work to ready the Cemeteries for the upcoming In Bloom Judging which included Grass cutting and path maintenance.	

6. General Updates

POINTS	ACTION
<p>The Working Group were informed of the current status of the Cemetery Gates project and that John Cooksley (Tilford Forge) had been asked to produce a specification on the requirements for the restoration of the West Street Cemetery entrance gates. It was noted that once the specification had been sent through it would be put out to tender.</p> <p>The Working Group was informed on the latest position of the Hale Chapels and noted a meeting was due to be set up with the Hale Chapels Trust to discuss the Council's decision.</p>	

7. Date of the next meeting

POINTS	ACTION
The date of the next scheduled meeting is on the 30 th September 2021.	

The meeting ended at 11.00 am

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