



# FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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## Notes

### Cemeteries and Appeals Working Group Community Enhancement Working Group

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January 2023

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The Cemeteries and Working Group met on the 12<sup>th</sup> January but as it was not quorate considered a number of matters to update Council and the main points are listed below.

#### **1 Hale Chapels**

The work at Hale Cemetery to part demolish the two chapels and create a landscaped garden will be starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The contractor is Landmark who have carried out notable works at RHS Wisley and Chelsea flower Show. The works will last approximately 4-5 months.

#### **2 Fees and Charges**

A small increase in the cost of funerals from April 2023 is proposed. The details were considered by Strategy & Finance.

The price to place a plaque on Garden of Reflection remembrance memorial is recommended to be reduced to encourage more take up.

#### **3 Grounds Maintenance**

The grounds maintenance program was discussed, and it was noted by the Lead Member that the Wildflower areas in all Cemeteries would be expanded in 2023.

#### **4 Appeals**

There were no new appeals.

#### **5 West Street Cemetery Gates**

The West Street Cemetery gates have been completed by Lost Art of Wigan. To minimise the risk of damage, it was suggested a bollard be installed which could be removed when the gates were closed.

## **6 Risk**

The risks associated with the Working Group were reviewed and there were no changes proposed.

# **Community Enhancement Working Group**

The Community Enhancement Working Group meeting was cancelled and the agenda was circulated to all councillors for information. The main points from the agenda are below.

## **1 Farnham in Bloom**

The 2023 programme of events starts in March with the Bloomin' Communities Group Fair.

Farnham in Bloom will be entering South and South East in Bloom this year with the addition of Hale Cemetery due to the chapels landscaping project. Farnham will not be entered into the National RHS in Bloom competition this year and a 2 year break from the competition is expected.

## **2 Allotments**

There are currently 15 vacant plots available, and Officers are working to reduce the waiting list to fill the vacancies. A proposed increase in the fee from October 2022 is proposed.

## **3 Famous Names Wall**

The event for Sir Ray Tindle CBE DL will be in Spring 2023 and a date is being sought for Kitty Milroy. Guest lists are being compiled.

Nominations have been received for two others including the Guyanese novelist Edgar Austin Mittelholzer and former Mayor of Farnham Brigadier Paddy Blagden CBE for his distinguished military career and UN work in clearing land mines.

Alternatives to replace the current tatty plaques with options of either Granite or Steel are being investigated for installation this financial year.

## **4 Trees**

Farnham Town Council will be planting another 30 trees in the next two months to complete the Queens Green Canopy project at the Riverside to bring the number of trees in the avenue to 70.

The outside workforce will be planting more trees throughout the winter and early spring throughout Farnham.

## **5 Risk**

The risks associated with the Working Group have been reviewed and there are no changes proposed.

## **Fees and Charges**

The agenda included prices for floral displays as well as the prices FTC charge to grow plants and maintain spaces not owned by FTC. A small uplift in the prices FTC charge for growing and supplying plants in the next growing year was discussed by Strategy & Finance.

