

Minutes of the **GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE** of Buckland Monachorum Parish Council held at
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM CEMETERY on **MONDAY 2nd July 2018 at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllrs L Wood (LW), S Challiss (SC), L Larkin (LL), D Butland (DB), G Baird (GB), S Lorne (SL), and S Woollacott (SW).

In Attendance: Mrs K Johns (Parish Clerk), Mrs K Griffiths, Mr M Broughton (MB) and Mr G Young (GY)

180/18 **APOLOGIES** Were received from Cllrs V Bolitho and M Fowler.

181/18 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** None were declared.

182/18 **To meet with Buckland Monachorum grounds maintenance contractor to discuss/ resolve any issues they are encountering with the contract.**

Mike Broughton and Gavin Young attended the meeting with regards to discussing the ground maintenance contract and any current issues.

The issue of the ant hills was raised. They are still an issue and the current treatment does not seem to be effective. A site meeting will be arranged between the contractor who is currently treating them and MB and GY will be invited.

MB also raised the issue of moles, they are currently being treated but concerns regarding the traps were raised. Further signage was considered and informing local residents.

It has been noted by MB that the compost area is looking rather untidy. The matter was discussed, and MB will come up with a few ideas as to how the area may be improved.

The trees overhanging the avenue are making it difficult to mow the area and access difficult to some of the graves. The matter was discussed, and it was decided that quotes will be obtained to crown lift the trees and it will be necessary to put in a TPO application.

It was agreed that if the parish meadow grass was being left longer then this would not cost the council anything further.

183/18 **To discuss and agree further landscaping/ planting required for Upper Cemetery**

The planting of the Upper Cemetery was discussed but no firm agreement was reached. The matter will be taken forward to a future meeting.

184/18 **To discuss grazing agreement in upper field**

It was decided that the agreement would be amended, so access to the upper field, would be allowed only on Sundays and the access road should be kept clean.

185/18 **Parish Meadow i) To look at and discuss management of grass in Parish Meadow**

The meadow grass has been left to grow longer in places with paths being cut through. There are positive and negatives to leaving the grass longer. LW has received positive feedback. MB has spoken to the Head of St Andrews and to the Pre School who have both shown interest in the grass being kept longer and using the area for educational purposes. Having the grass longer would attract

wildlife and encourage wildflowers. SW raised the issue that the longer grass could prevent people using the area and there was the possibility for tics and snakes.

No firm agreement was reached, and the matter will be carried forward.

186/18

Cemetery:

i) To look at memorials identified as requiring work and determine best course of action

ii) To discuss/ arrange bi-annual inspection of Western Red Cedars either side of Lych Gate

i)A number of memorials have been identified as requiring work to secure them. It was agreed that a quote and timescale would be obtained from E Pascoe & Sons for the lay down and repair of the relevant memorials.

ii)It was agreed that quotes will be obtained for the bi-annual inspection of the Western Red Cedars either side of the Lych Gate.

187/18

Play Area inspections/ matters

Recent inspection raised no major issues.

The chains on the swings and seats need to be addressed. SW raised the issue that the swing at Crapstone also needed replacing as it had perished.

The balance beam is unstable. Quotes will be obtained for replacement.

188/18

Crapstone Field: To discuss complaint about location of goalposts

A complaint has been received with regard to the location/positioning of the goalposts at Crapstone Field. The area becomes very water logged and muddy, it was requested that the posts were moved. It was raised by LL that the whole area becomes muddy. It was decided that the posts would remain in their current location for the time being.

189/18

Parish street furniture matters i) Damaged Clearbrook bin update

The dog waste bin that has been damaged at Clearbrook has been removed and there is a post with a traffic cone on it at the moment. The insurance claim with Insight Holidays seems to have ground to a halt. There is another bin very close by that can still be used.

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ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The positioning of excess soil within the cemetery.

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DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

None agreed as yet.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.