

A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE CARNEGIE, CAGE LANE, THETFORD ON THURSDAY
17th JUNE 2021, STARTING AT 11.30 A.M.

Present:
The Mayor Councillor M P Brindle

Councillors
B J Canham, D M Crawford,
C Harvey, J Hollis, D J Hodgkinson.

Officers:
David Brooks V&C Officer, Chris Crimmen Committee Secretary,
Nick Thompson Cemetery Officer.

MINUTES

92/21	<p><u>ELECTION OF CHAIR OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2021/22</u> RESOLVED: That Councillor B J Canham be elected Chair of the Cemetery Committee for the Mayoral year 2021/22.</p>
93/21	<p><u>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2021/22</u> RESOLVED: That Councillor D M Crawford be elected Vice Chairman of the Cemetery Committee for the Mayoral year 2021/22.</p>
94/21	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u> None.</p>
95/21	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> None.</p>
96/21	<p><u>MINUTES</u> RESOLVED: The minutes of the committee meeting held on 15th April 2021 which were received by Full Council on 27th April 2021, as a true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.</p>
97/21	<p><u>REQUEST FROM LOCAL GROUP</u> The Committee had received a request from local group for temporary closure of Cemetery on Sunday 18th July 2021 and for Thetford Town Council to facilitate the event. The committee considered to following four areas that require decisions to be made.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. <u>The closure of the Cemetery gates from 13:30-15:00.</u> After a discussion where it was noted that this request was against the law to close the Cemetery to residents Councillor D Crawford proposed and Councillor C Harvey seconded: RESOLVED: That the Cemetery will remain open but on the Chapel middle pathway some barriers and signage will be erected for 30 invited guests to access the Peace Garden between 13:30 – 15:00.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. <u>The opening of the Cemetery Chapel with facilitating refreshments (tea/coffee/soft drinks) for invited guests.</u> After a discussion Councillor D Crawford proposed and Councillor D Hodgkinson seconded: RESOLVED: That Councillors D Crawford proposed and Councillor D Hodgkinson will open and close the Chapel during the hours required. The</p>

V&C Officer will check on the current Covid 19 to find if refreshments can be served and served and if they can the Council will supply vacuum flasks for tea and coffee to be served.

iii. The loan of the TTC Poppy netting.

It was agreed to loan the TTC Poppy netting for the local group to use during the opening Ceremony,

iv. The approval of drone filming above the Cemetery.

It was agreed to allow drone filming of the Cemetery subject to receipt of relevant copies of insurance and documentation. This will be carried out prior to Sunday 18th July 2021 when the Cemetery is empty.

98/21	<u>COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE</u> None
99/21	<u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u> None

Chairman