

MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 APRIL 2021

- * Councillor Martin
- * Councillor Neill
- * Councillor Purvis – Vice Chair
- * Councillor PS Rivers
- * Councillor Steel – Chair
- * Councillor Stubbs
- * Councillor Bond (Busbridge Parish Council)
- * Councillor Westwood (Busbridge Parish Council)

* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology L Late ^ Council Duties

49. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chair as a true record.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

51. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

52. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions from members of the public were submitted in accordance with GTC Standing Order 5.

53. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions from Councillors were submitted in accordance with GTC Standing Order 6.

54. ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE LAST MEETING

Godalming Joint Burial Committee	
Accounts paid since between 22 January and 31 March 2021	£20,342.48
Receipts received since the 22 January and 31 March 2021	£32,764.23
Balance held in Current Account	
Balance at 8 April 2021	£10,336.20
Balance held in the Business Deposit Account	
Balance at 8 April 2021	£96,484.12
Balance held in the CCLA Deposit Account	
Balance at 8 April 2021	£150,000.00

A schedule of the accounts paid was tabled for the information of Members and a copy is attached to record minutes. The vouchers relating to these payments were also be tabled at the meeting for inspection. All payments made were in line with the agreed budget or other resolution of this Committee or Full Council.

Members agreed that the Chair should sign the schedule of accounts paid.

55. SIGNING OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS

The Committee considered the tabled monthly bank reconciliations since the last meeting of the Committee and authorised the Chair to sign them.

56. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 31 MARCH 2020

Members noted the Annual Return for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2020.

Members noted that the External Auditor has completed its review and has signed off Section 3 – External Report 2019/20 Certificate. No exceptions were found.

57. FINAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

Members received and agreed the final accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021.

58. EASHING CEMETERY DRIVEWAY

The driveway to Eashing Cemetery is deteriorating resulting in potholes. Deterioration of the driveway is a safety issue for both pedestrians and vehicle users that needs to be addressed. Members approved the use of reserves for repairs.

59. BURIAL STATISTICS

The Committee noted the burial statistics for the previous quarter and for the previous twelve months ended the 31 March 2021, which had previously been circulated (copy attached to record minutes).

60. WILD FLOWER PROJECT

Waverley Borough Council has now appointed its contractors for the Site B element of the Ockford Ridge redevelopment project. The Clerk and grounds team have had an initial meeting with the contractor's representatives and now await confirmation of the available funding, which will determine the scope of the project that can be undertaken.

61. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

No communications were identified by Members from this meeting.

62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Godalming Joint Burial Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 5.45pm (following an inspection at 5.00pm at Eashing Cemetery) – venue to be confirmed.

63. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were informed that Godalming Town Council has employed a part time Grounds Maintenance Assistant as of 1 April 2021.

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE