CERNE VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Burial Ground Committee was held on Wednesday 27th March 2024
On site commencing at 6 pm

Present: Cllrs S. Beresford, J. Bolt, and G. Bishop

1. Apologies for absence

All members present.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 06th October 2023

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Finances

Income

Rents £ 4035.00 (£4000.00)

Precept £ 1000.00

Expenditure

Rents £ 1765.10

Precept £ 867.40 (86.74%)

Reserves £ 3514.33

It was agreed that all surpluses should be transferred to the Burial Ground reserve.

5. Burial Ground risk assessment

This was agreed with one minor amendment about drinking from the Well. Members agreed to check the signage on the next visit.

6. Burial Ground walk around (work to do done)

a. Pathways

It was agreed that the pathways were in a good condition.

The Clerk would contact Grassby's to ascertain the best route to the Burial Ground extension.

b. Trees

The Clerk confirmed that the contractor was still awaiting planning permission from Dorset Council as the works was in the conservation area.

It was agreed that a new tree survey needed to be done.

c. Walls and fences

It was noted that the fence works for the Burial Ground Extension would be completed upon completion of the deeds.

It was asked if the works on plastering the wall on the entrance could be reviewed. The Clerk would contact the contractor.

d. Graves

The Clerk confirmed the tomb had been made safe.

The contractor would complete the work once drier and warmer weather conditions come along.

Members spoke on the Burial Ground Extension.

It was provisionally agreed that an extraordinary Burial Ground committee could be called to establish the next steps, if completion of the Burial Ground Extension occurs sooner rather than later. It was also suggested that all members of the Parish Council be invited to this meeting.

7. Items for next meeting

None at present.

8. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to set the date was the Parish Council elections had been held.

There being no further business, the meeting close at 18:38 hours.

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