

# Leigh on Mendip Parish Council

**MEETING Date: ...Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022.....**

<p><b>Agenda Item:</b> Insert wording to appear on the agenda. Remember to make it clear what you are asking your fellow Councillors to do. "To consider..." " To note..." "To review..." "To resolve..."</p>	<p>Proposal for the Parish Council to proceed with a pre-application for the renewing the planning permission for the new Cemetery or proceed with a new planning application including a Tier 1 Risk Assessment</p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b> Insert as much information as possible so that councillors have the detail that they need in order to make an informed decisions</p>	<p>The planning permission on the land for the new extension of the cemetery has run out as no burials have taken place since being approved in 2017. Upon speaking to the ICCM they are recommending that at Tier I Risk Assessment is carried out; this came into force in 2018 after the original planning application was approved.</p> <p>There are several companies that will quote for a Tier I Risk Assessment and speaking to one at the Clerks Conference, they suggested carrying out the risk assessment and re-applying for planning permission and not a pre-application, this would also save costs and would be quicker.</p> <p>A Tier 1 Groundwater Risk assessment comprises a detailed desk study assessment of the site, geological conditions, hydrogeological conditions and proximity to watercourses. Site specific information and burial numbers are used to create a risk score for the site. A T1 investigation is usually only considered suitable for low-risk sites and where burial numbers are low.</p> <p>A Tier 2 has also been mentioned, this includes the above but also ground investigation to determine the exact geological sequence on site and stability issues during burials</p> <p>From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 cemeteries with the highest environmental risk are also controlled through the permitting system under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales ) Regulations 2016.</p> <p>Companies have been approached for quotes but none have yet been received back.</p>