

Leigh on Mendip Parish Council

MEETING Date: ...Monday 20th March 2023.....

<p>Agenda Item: 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>Discussion and possible proposals following the excavations to test whether the new burial ground is deep enough for burials</p>
<p>Background Information: 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 Parish Council purchased a piece of land to be used as an extension to the Burial Ground, planning permission was obtained but due to no burials taking place the process has to be redone.</p> <p>During the time period between obtaining planning permission and today the rules and regulations on how Burial Grounds can open have changed.</p> <p>A sewage pipe was also installed into the ground so reducing the area available by about 30-40%</p> <p>Risk assessments need to be carried out such as Tier 1 Risk Assessment and confirmation of the depth of the ground.</p> <p>Sizes of the graves have also increased from 8ft x 4ft to 10ft x 5ft and 5ft also needs to be left between each individual grave.</p> <p>As a result of the above the number of graves that can be allocated to the area is now reduced to eight but they can be double graves.</p> <p>The current Cemetery has space for about five graves and five plots for burial of ashes.</p>
<p>Costs: Insert detail of any costs associated with the decision that you are asking the council to make</p>	<p>At today's prices the cost of a burial in the new burial ground would be <u>£654.00</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERB for lease of plot - £84.00• Cost of Burial - £337.00• Permission for a memorial - £149• ERB for Memorial - £84.00 <p>8 Graves at this price would be <u>£5232</u>, these have only been costed at single graves, when another burial is required, it would be an additional £337.00 but there is no knowing whether the plot will be double or single until required.</p>

	<p>Costs incurred so far on the Burial Ground</p> <p>Grave Digger - £500.00 Tier 1 Risk Assessment - £269.80 but if burials are allowed there would be an extra cost of £625.20 Plans and planning permission – unknown at the moment. Total Costs £1395 plus planning permission</p> <p>The Burial Ground would be full again within maybe five years, whereas with burial of Cremations and remembrance plaques the area could be open longer.</p>
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Recommendation: The recommendation is for the area to become a Memorial Garden for cremations only with either trees or a small monument where ashes could be scattered and a plaque installed or plots of 18" x 18" for burial of the ashes covered by a small tablet.