

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL (TPC)

A meeting of the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council was held in St Marys Church, Tutbury, Monday 6th November 2017.

Those present were Cllrs C Smedley (Chairperson), M Guest (Vice Chair), L Beighton, F Crossley, W Crossley, P Steadman, D Morris, in attendance, Karen Duffill (Clerk)

Parochial Church Council

Rev I Whitehead, Liz Staples, Jackie Benstead, Roger Sharp, John Harrison, Rosemary Tunstall, Brian Newton, Shirley Newton, Jocelyn Hickman, Judith Collinson, Margaret W

Non-Attendance Tim Spencer Smith.

11/17/PCC/1.0 APOLOGIES

No Apologies were received

11/17/PCC/ 2.0 OPENING PRAYER

Rev Whitehead conducted the opening prayer.

11/17/PCC/3.0 BURIAL GROUND

The Parochial Church Council confirmed that there were around 30 burial spaces left in the existing churchyard which would be predicted to last approximately 5 years.

The parish council (TPC) enquired if the Parochial Church Council (PCC) had considered their plan to extend and redevelop the area next to the new part of the burial ground. The PCC said that this was not possible due to the slope in the ground and they had asked the Archdeacon if church permission would be granted for this and was told it was very unlikely that this would be granted.

TPC asked the PCC to reconsider as this was part of the existing burial ground plan and only a small retaining wall would be required to even out the ground, where the woodland walk once was. This area is overgrown slightly but only a few bushes would need to be removed. PCC were concerned of the cremated remains on that side. However, the entrance to the new proposed site could be made where the bench is sited.

TPC suggested a meeting with the archdeacon to reconsider and further explain the proposal as both councils agreed that every effort should be made to cater for the burials in Tutbury rather than parishioners having to be buried in Rolleston or Stapenhill.

TPC enquired if the PCC had any information regarding possible Duchy Land to extend the existing churchyard on the east side. However, no response had been received from their enquiries. Cllr Guest offered to assist in contacting them again. However, Cllr W Crossley advised that due to the required number of houses in the

local plan that any flat land that could be built on would potentially be sold for houses.

TPC enquired if reburial could be considered. The PCC advised that reusing existing churchyard for reburial could take place after 100 years. There are a number of unmarked graves and an area where this could apply.

TPC suggested approaching Peveril Homes to utilise the proposed allotments to be used as burial space.

RESOLUTION

To meet with the Archdeacon on a sat morning in December to outline plans to extend the burial ground.

To enquire if the allotments on Heritage park could be considered for burial space.

To enquire if Duchy land was available for extending the churchyard.

1/17/PCC/ 4.0 CLOSED CHURCHYARD CONTRACT

The clerk explained the tasks that were included in the existing contract.

The PCC were disappointed with the work this year as paths were not kept clean and tidy. No strimming had been done. The new burial ground has not been maintained by the contractor as volunteers had been cutting it and keeping it tidy. No strimming had been done on the bank between the roses.

The hedge on the triangle had been cut but the height of the hedge had not been cut.

The clerk confirmed that in a previous meeting it was agreed that the PCC should be maintaining the area between the rosebeds as strimming on the bank was dangerous. Meadow planting would be planted on top of the bank to negate the need to trim on the edge of the bank.

The clerk would inform the contractor of the issues raised.

The clerk had received an email request to meet with the War memorial committee and the contractor to position the wreath holders so as not to hinder future maintenance.

10/17PCC/5.0 CHURCH RELATIONS MOVING FORWARD.

TPC chair expressed that she would like the church and parish council to work closely together.

Cllr W Crossley asked why complaint letters had been sent to the parish council from Rev I Whitehead.

Rev I Whitehead had no comment, he suggested that future meetings should be held quarterly. Cllr W Crossley, Cllr F Crossley and Rev Whitehead left the meeting.

10/17PCC/7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 5th Feb 2018 St Marys Church 7.30pm