

## **TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Parish Council (TPC) and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was held at St Marys Church, Tutbury Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7.30pm.

Those present were Cllrs M Guest (Committee Chair) C Smedley, K England

Members of the Parochial Church Council R Sharp (Vice Chair), J Collison, J Hickman and S Newton. B Newton, R Tunstall, J Harrison, J Benstead, J Brannan, K Chapman, Margaret

In attendance, Karen Duffill (Clerk)

### **02/18/C/1.0 APOLOGIES**

None.

### **Introduction**

R Sharp requested to chair the meeting, Cllr Guest explained that she was now the chair of the committee within the new structure of the council that allows Cllrs to focus on their chosen areas.

### **02/18/C/2.0 Re Burying in old burial ground**

- 2.1 The Church of England own the churchyard so have ultimate responsibility of the church. Members of the PCC met with the Arch Deacon to review burial provision, he was too busy to meet the TPC. The area north east of the church can be used where no burials have taken place for over 75 years. There is a large area of unmarked graves which will extend burial provision for 15-20 years. If current grave stones need to be moved a faculty will be required for that but where gravestones are present and are safe they will be left. Grave diggers are aware of the protocol if remains are found. War graves are protected.

### **02/18/C/3.0 New Burial Ground**

- 3.1 The clerk has reviewed the file for the new burial ground and the area proposed by the parish council for redevelopment for burials was included in the original drawings for the existing burial ground extension. Maps are available that show this is a proposed burial area. The area next to the cremated remains section of the new burial ground, the woodland path area, was included in the original agreement as part of the development and the agreement also stated that the fees from the burials in that space should be paid to the parish council. The monies were to be collected by the PCC and transferred over to the TPC. However, this part of the agreement was not instigated. The drawings have shown the proposed space by the TPC as a possible burial area. However, members of the PCC stated that if that was the case it should have been developed at that time.

- 3.2 The Arch Deacon stated that it was unlikely to get permission through Historic England, the diocese or archaeological clearance from the castle to make this financially viable to complete. Therefore, this proposal should be parked at this present time, as alternative provision has been agreed.

#### **02/18/C/4.0 100 years commemoration of WW1**

- 4.1 S Newton will be holding a meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 with coffee and cake and will be inviting representatives from local groups to bring together commemoration plans for November. She proposed that the church would have displays inside and that she would like to see memorial displays throughout the village for those that died. Cllr Guest who is also on the events committee of the parish council agreed to be involved.

#### **02/18/C/5.0 TP Church benche outside the church.**

- 5.1 The PCC stated that the commemorative bench provided by TPC for Rev Gantz needed staining and asked if the TPC who should take ownership of the maintenance of this. The clerk stated that bench maintenance was not in the closed churchyard contract. The asset register would be checked, and the PCC would be updated.

#### **02/18/C/5.0 Meadow planting on the raised bank.**

- 5.1 The contractor is due to remove the grass and plant with meadow planting to avoid having to mow to the edge of the raised bank as this has been identified as a hazard and he will no longer maintain that area. The PCC and TPC members wanted to review this area before further plans were made. Concern were raised about killing the grass to do the planting, may risk making the area more unstable. They agreed that the contractor should leave that area and they would maintain the grass themselves from the ground, the clerk stated that is was not practical to include hand maintenance of small areas for a contractor. The contract is up for renewal in 2019 and decisions will be made then as to how to maintain this going forward.

#### **02/18/C/6.0 Tree stumps in closed churchyard.**

- 6.1 There are around 5 stumps that need removing and potentially a damaged tree in the closed churchyard. The TPC will propose that this is carried out by a suitable contractor at the next Full parish meeting as this will have budget implications. Quotes will be collated.

#### **02/18/C/7.0 Photos of the church for TPC website use.**

- 7.1 The clerk requested photos or permission to use the churches photos on the forthcoming new website for the council, as TPC wanted some images that reflected Tutbury's landscape and community, the clerk was advised to contact Mr R Nuth and they would give permission in agreement with Mr Nuth.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm