

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council (TPC) and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was held at St Marys Church, Tutbury Monday 28th January 2018 7.30pm.

Those present Cllrs C Smedley, and K England

Five members of the Parochial Church Council, (R Sharpe Chair)

In attendance, Karen Duffill (Clerk)

01/19/C/1.0 APOLOGIES

Cllr M Guest

01/19/C/2.0 Church Contract renewal

2.1 The Parish Council will be renewing the contract for the closed churchyard. A meeting is scheduled to rewrite the contract. The clerk stipulated that the unused area of the new burial ground will not be included in the contract. The clerk requested any other considerations that the parish council should be made aware of. The Church council suggested the following.

- Mowing on the edge of the bank is dangerous and should be avoided due to it being unstable. The edges could be left if there was a neat line visible that was mown. Some area of a churchyard can be left to grow.
- The care for the square scheme has been successful so mowing should be up to the squares in the closed churchyard but not the ones on the side of the bank where the squares are.
- The slabs around the war memorial should be avoided by equipment. The area between the wreath holders and the war memorial can be left as the war memorial committee are maintaining that area.
- The banks next to the new burial ground are being maintained by volunteers. However, the Parish Council should remain responsible for the two Liquid Amber commemorative trees planted.
- The churchyard needs to be mowed regularly and cut grass needs to be swept off the paths.
- The trees need some maintenance as the tree on the boundary wall of the South path is getting too large. It was agreed that a separate contract should be drawn up to assess the trees as some trees have Tree Protection Orders on them.

01/19/C/3.0 Shed in the Closed Churchyard

- 3.1 The existing shed in the closed churchyard needs to be removed requested by new property owners. It is within the boundary of the old church hall. The shed is in a poor state of repair and will be demolished. A faculty has been granted to erect a new metal shed 10ft by 8ft, this will be position in the closed churchyard near to the existing one butting up to the old vicarage boundary. A new base will be created using existing slabs. This will be done with the assistance of the community work offered by Sudbury Prison. The water supply will me repositioned to be near the shed.

01/19/C/4.0 Church Grill repair update

- 4.1 The church architect has stated his disappointment with the church grill repair and said it was not suitable for the setting of the historic closed churchyard. The concrete is breaking up and people have complained that their heels have been caught in the metal grate. Members of the PCC suggested that a cast iron grate would have been better. However, the last one did crumble when force was thrown at it. A suggestion to use a similar material to the storm drain covers could be considered like maybe zinc. The PCC would like to lift the grate to clear the gully if required.

DECISION

The Parish Council agreed to raise the issue at a full parish meeting to consider.

01/19/C/5.0 Remembrance Service Review

- 5.1 The service was deemed a successful event. There was a lot of involvement from the community. The poppy cascade was very effective. The attendance was significantly larger due to the 100 years commemoration of WW1 the overflow area in the churchyard being required along with the sound being relayed to those who could not fit inside the church.
- 5.2 The bier attracted some positive comments.
- 5.2 There was an issue with the choir seats being taken by people who did not have reserved seats, causing concern that elderly uniformed people were not able to sit down. It was proposed that the child flag bearers could sit in the chancel to free up choir seats for the elderly.
- 5.3 There will be a planning meeting called in August for this year and it was suggested that a member of Tutbury Band is also invited, as the band has many members who also require seating. They were deemed a significant part of the service.
- 5.4 27th November 2019 will be the 75th Anniversary of the Fauld explosion and the Hanbury vicar will be holding a special service for this which Tutbury might be invited to get involved with. or organise additional special events to commemorate the importance of this war history. Sunday 24th November is likely to be the suitable date.

Decision

The Parish Council will add this event for discussion for a future dull Parish agenda item.

01/19/C/6.0 Parochial Church Matters

- 6.1 Rev Ian Whitehead will be holding his last service on March 17th at Rolleston and has been invited to Rolleston Club for tea and cakes afterwards. He will commence in his new parish of Crich in April where 18 members of Tutbury Parish are invited to attend his first service. The St Mary's church will enter an interregnum period where the needs of the church will be assessed before a new vicar is appointed. This can take up to two years. During this time Pip Short and members of neighbouring parishes will cover Tutbury.
- 6.2 The Alabaster arch has now been cleaned
- 6.3 A faculty has been granted to improve the lighting around the church this can commence subject to funding. However, up lighting the church exterior was too expensive. The lights will be more easily operated, more efficient and will be matched to the colour of the stonework.
- 6.4 The exterior lamp needs replacing, and Eon have investigated and are waiting for the finding from East Staffordshire Borough Council before this can be resolved. The clerk will inform the local ESBC councillor
- 6.5 The next project will be to raise funds for the faculty granted to improve disabled access to the south door.
- 6.6 The parish council resolved to erect plaques for the commemorative trees outstanding. The PCC agreed that stone base and writing on a slate would be appropriate.
- 6.7 The flag pole will need to be removed from the top of the church due to Health and safety reasons. The PCC would prefer a flag pole position in the churchyard to make it easier to change the flags. The current flag needs replacing.

01/19/C/7.0 Tree removal near the church boundary

- 7.1 Repairs have been made to the church boundary wall, loose stones have been secured by the owners of the adjacent property. Therefore, the liability for the removal of the dead tree should also fall within their responsibility. The hedge has now been cut and the matter can be closed.

01/19/C/8.0 Condition of the South path

- 8.1 The South path leading up from the steps on Church street is dipping down and requires tarmac to level it in line with the manhole cover as the path is disintegrating around it.

Decision the Parish Council will obtain some quoted for this work. This is still outstanding.

10/18/C/9.0 Items for the next agenda

9.1 Church Grill repair

Flag Pole

South Path

Plaques for commemorative trees

10/C/10.0 Date of the next meeting

10.1 Wednesday 1st May 7.15pm for refreshments 7.30pm start

The meeting closed at 8.30pm