WOMERSLEY BURIAL (JOINT) AUTHORITY

Chairman: Mrs M Whittles

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 6PM TO 6.50PM IN THE FIG AND OLIVE WOMERSLEY.

01/02/26 WELCOME AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1. Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Cooke from Stubbs Waldon. There was no representative from Criddling Stubbs present at this meeting.
2. Mrs Whittles Chairman signed the minutes of previous meeting held on 26th January 2023.

03/02/26 REPORT FROM YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
Members present noted the attached report from YLCA.

This Womersley Burial Joint Committee meeting was held to establish whether the three parishes (Womersley, Criddling Stubbs, and Stubbs Waldon) wish to continue as a joint burial board.

Under the new financial regulations of 2016 each parish is to treat a percentage total of the Income and Expenditure Account i.e. 33% split in its AGAR reporting, at the end of each financial year. Mr A Cooke attended from Stubbs Waldon parish but unfortunately there was no representative from Cridling Stubbs. Stubbs Waldon do not wish to have a share of the Income and Expenditure to report on in their AGAR since they do not have any precept or financial entries and it is thought Cridling Stubbs would decide similarly.

It is RESOLVED:

1. That the Clerk is to send a copy of tonight's Womersley Burial Joint Board Minutes to each parish and ask for their formal acceptance of a merger of Womersley Burial Joint Committee's finance and that of Womersley Parish Council finances who will include the balance of the Barclays bank statement into its accounts for AGAR auditing purposes for the year of 2025/2026.
2. If there is no acceptance to this proposal, then each parish will have to take a share of the finances in its AGAR.
3. It is intended that a Womersley Burial Joint Committee consisting of all three parishes will be maintained in order that the category of resident fees for burials is upheld. However, all three parishes must take a role in the Cemetery administration which includes the extension of the Cemetery and the discussions over planning permissions and site layout. Plus, the continued management of the existent Cemetery.

04/02/26 REPORT ON THE PROGRESS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CEMETERY.

1. Clerk has been referred from York Diocese to the Leeds Diocese for the Consecration details of the site and Leeds has replied with a query.
2. The TPO planning permissions for the cutting back of the Yews was submitted on the 02.02.26 and has been granted and work will take place on the 6th March.
3. There is to be a half hour exploratory meeting with CDS Group on 18.02.26 for advice on turning the allotment ground into Cemetery.

04/02/26 RESERVATION OF AVAILABLE PLOTS
Due to an increasing interest in reserving plots and there being 25 plots until the extension is complete there is to be no reservations for the foreseeable future.

05/02/26 FINANCE REPORTS
Bank Statement
End of Year Accounts 2023
End of Year Accounts 2024
End of Year Accounts 2025/26
Members **RESOLVED** accept the above-mentioned reports.

06/02/26 Items for the next agenda
The decision of Cridling Stubbs and the progress on the Cemetery extension.

07/02/26 Date, time and place of the next meetings.
The next meetings: is to be held before the Parish Council meeting on 20th April 2026 at 6pm or at a date earlier if required.

Closure of meeting
The meeting closed at 6.55pm