

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

28th June 2016

At a meeting of the **Social & Welfare Committee** held in the Assembly Rooms on **Tuesday 28th June 2016** upon the rising of the Markets & Buildings Committee Meeting.

Present: Councillors R Hambidge (Chairman), H Bushell, H Clarke and L Monument.

Also present: Councillors P Duigan and H Rogers, Deputy Town Clerk J Barron and Town Council Officer T Jackson.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Frith and T Monument.

2. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To elect a Chairman.**

Councillor L Monument proposed Councillor R Hambidge, seconded by Councillor H Bushell, there were no further nominations, it was agreed that Councillor R Hambidge be Chairman of the Social and Welfare Committee.

4. **To elect a Vice Chairman.**

Councillor R Hambidge proposed Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor H Clarke, there were no further nominations, it was agreed that Councillor L Monument be Vice Chairman of the Social and Welfare Committee

5. **To consider approaches to utilising space in the new cemetery.**

The committee recommended that to utilise space in the new cemetery all new graves should be dug to a minimum of double depth.

6. **To consider having an area for kerbed memorials and monumental memorials.**

The committee recommended that the new cemetery does not have an area for kerbed memorials and monumental memorials as this would use additional space and increase maintenance.

7. **To consider setting an area aside for family plots in the new cemetery.**

The committee recommended in principle setting aside an area for family plots in the new cemetery, each family plot would consist of 6 plots. This should be discussed with the undertakers to see if they feel there is a need for this and if they would be willing to make people aware of this area.

8. **To consider setting an area aside for children's burials in the new cemetery.**

The committee recommended that an area should be set aside for children's burials in the new cemetery, with the same rules that apply now. The area should be landscaped and screened by a hedge.

9. **To consider setting aside areas for the scattering of ashes in the new cemetery.**

The committee recommended that there should be an area at the new cemetery where ashes can be scattered and interred.

10. **To consider an area for Natural burials.**

The committee felt that there was not a demand for an area for Natural burials, but should a demand arise then this could be reviewed at a later date.

11. **To consider revising the terms and conditions relating to granting the Exclusive Rights of Burial.**

The committee recommended that Exclusive Rights should be available in the new cemetery and the terms of the Exclusive Rights of Burial should be revised. The revised terms should be checked to ensure they comply with the law governing Exclusive Rights before being brought back to this committee.

12. **To consider issuing a licence to erect a headstone.**

The committee recommended that a licence should be issued to erect a headstone; a licence would be for either 25 or 50 years with the option of renewing.

Chairman