

**Minutes of Fremington Parish Council Burial Authority
Held on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 6.30pm at The Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road,
Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, J Bell, J Cann, I Capon, I Crawford, B Sherborne and M Scott (from Minute No.2002/04)
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Cllr Walker, North Devon Council
Mr David Gayton, W.S Gayton & Son Ltd (from Minute No. 2002/05)
- 2002/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs F Biederman, K Groves, C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles and B Hockin.
- 2002/02 **Declarations of interest**
None.
- 2002/03 **To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2019 as a correct record**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 4th February 2019 as a correct record. Cllr Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

Cllr Scott entered the meeting at 6.35pm.
- 2002/04 **To consider Cemetery Charges for 2020/21**
Members considered the charges for 2020/21 and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to accept the proposed charges as attached in Appendix One. Members asked the Executive Officer to clarify the age for adult burials.
- 2002/05 **Hedge and maintenance at Cemetery**
Members were informed that the area at the top of the Cemetery required clearance works to enable the Burial Superintendent to create further grave and cremation plots.

Mr Gayton entered the meeting.

Mr Gayton explained that the area in question was full of brambles and overgrown and by clearing this area he would be able to create around 70/80 further grave spaces.

Members felt the works were necessary and the cost of which should be met from reserves. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate these works to the Executive Officer with a maximum spend of £2,000.

Members were informed that the hedgerow on the western boundary required maintenance works preferably before March 2020 it was noted that if the works were not undertaken it would be difficult to access the hedge in future. Members considered the quotations received and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the cheapest quotation from Gavin Hendry Tree Surgery and Gardening.
- 2002/06 **To receive Messrs Gayton, W S Gayton & Son Ltd**
Mr Gayton and members discussed the approved cemetery charges and the situation of someone who has lived within the parish most of their life but then had to leave for reasons beyond their control (such as to obtain appropriate care) and which rate should be charged. It was noted that officers had always used their

discretion in conjunction with the Burial Superintendent in these situations and members felt that a regulation to assist should be investigated.

2002/07

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7pm.

Signed Dated