

MUCH HADHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Much Hadham Parish Council **Burial Authority** will be held on Tuesday, **1 November 2016**, in the **Green Tye Mission Hall**, following the closure of the Much Hadham Parish Council Planning Committee meeting, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below, and you are hereby summoned to attend.

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26 October 2016

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Chairman's announcements
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 6 September 2016
5. Reports on outstanding matters
6. Maintenance of Burial Ground
To consider the installation of a PIR light in the car park
7. Future of Burial Land
8. Payment of accounts
9. Review of burial fee for ex-residents
10. Burial ground notice
To approve updated burial ground notice
11. Urgent business
12. Confirmation of date of next meeting – Tuesday, 3 January 2017, in the Much Hadham Village Hall

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MINUTES of the Much Hadham Burial Authority held on Tuesday, 1 November 2016, in the Green Tye Mission Hall, following the closure of the Parish Council and Planning Committee meetings.

*Cllr W Compton

*Cllr I Hunt (Vice Chairman)

*Cllr Mrs J Liversage

*Cllr B Morris

Cllr W O'Neill

Cllr Mrs M O'Neill

*Cllr Mrs P Taylor (Chairman)

*Cllr C Thompson

*Cllr K Twort

* denotes present.

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs M O'Neill and Cllr W O'Neill.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 6 September 2016 be accepted as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

5. REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Report noted.

6. MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUND

Background to the installation of a PIR light in the car park discussed. Following discussion, motion withdrawn.

7. FUTURE OF THE BURIAL GROUND

The Parish Clerk has recently obtained further burial ground records. These will be reviewed to clarify the ownership of the land currently being farmed. This will be reported to the next meeting.

8. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts relating to the Burial Authority were approved and paid as part of the earlier Parish Council meeting.

Cheque 707	Affinity Water	Water bill	£19.54
Cheque 708	MH Landscapes Ltd	Churchyard maintenance Apr-Jun 16	£540.00
Cheque 711	EG Brett Ltd	Burial ground maintenance	£478.00

9. REVIEW OF BURIAL FEE FOR EX-RESIDENTS

Formal discussion on the need for an additional tier of fees to cover ex-residents as opposed to considering each case individually. Suggestion made that a sliding scale fee be introduced that considers time resident in the village.

Standing orders suspended and residents present asked for their views. View received that a sliding scale would be a good idea although potentially difficult to work out.

Standing orders reinstated.

Agreed that Cllr Mrs J Liversage and the Parish Clerk would develop a scale fee for consideration at the next meeting.

10. BURIAL GROUND NOTICE

Subject to inclusion of the website link for the fees and amending 7i. to reflect that the plot number could be engraved on the side of the headstone, it was RESOLVED to approve the updated burial ground notice.

Following question from Cllr B Morris, it was confirmed that how the Regulations could be enforced would be investigated by the Parish Clerk.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 3 January 2017 at the Much Hadham Village Hall. Following notification that at least 2 Councillors would be absent, consideration being given to changing this date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.12 pm

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