

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, **10 January 2017**, in the **Much Hadham Village Hall Green Room**, 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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A G E N D A

- 17/1. Apologies for absence
- 17/2. Declarations of Interest
- 17/3. Chairman's announcements
- 17/4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1 November 2016
- 17/5. Reports on outstanding matters
- 17/6. Update on Burial Ground management arrangements
Covering:
 - Clarification of the ownership of the land currently being farmed;
 - Rate of usage; and
 - Burial Ground fees.
- 17/7. Payment of accounts
- 17/8. Urgent business
- 17/9. Confirmation of date of next meeting – Tuesday, 7 March 2017, in the Much Hadham Village Hall

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MINUTES of the Much Hadham Burial Authority held on Tuesday, 10 January 2017, in the Much Hadham Village Hall Green Room, 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: F Forth, Parish Clerk and no members of the public.

17/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

17/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17/3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

17/4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 1 November 2016 be accepted as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

17/5. REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Report noted.

17/6. UPDATE ON BURIAL GROUND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Cllr Mrs J Liversage, in conjunction with the Clerk, provided the following update:

- Ownership of the burial ground is by way of a conveyance and there is confirmation, in October 2006, from the Findlay brothers that they are simply farming the strip of land with no continuing interest;
- The rate of usage of the burial ground is variable. In the last 4 years, the average was 4 plots per year. 72 plots, excluding the gap row, are currently available in the consecrated ground section with 104 plots in the unconsecrated ground section, none of which have been used;
- The fee structure used by Bishop's Stortford Town Council outlined as an option to apply as this covers situations where a previous resident. It also highlights that Bishop's Stortford charge for an 'exclusive right of burial'.

Following discussion, it was agreed that at the end of the harvest this year, around September, a further 30 m strip of land should be prepared. In addition, the fee structure should remain as it currently stands, with former residents making an application to the Burial Authority for a reduction in the fee payable to be considered.

17/7. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

None.

17/8. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr B Morris raised that a number of jobs were required to improve the burial ground, namely to top the oak tree at the front, paint railings and resurface the drive within the burial ground.

17/9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 7 March 2017 in the Much Hadham Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 pm