

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 18th JULY 2023 AT 8.00PM AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr S Mortlock (Chairman)
Cllr T Head
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E McNeill
Cllr A Whyte

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs A Jackson (Assistant to the Parish Clerk)
There were no members of the public present.

8. To receive Apologies for Absence.
Cllr J Neish – Personal

9. To Receive Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda.
None

10. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 16th May 2023.

Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr A Whyte, 2nd Cllr E MacPherson) 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

11. Garden Plots

(i) To note results of garden plot competition

Noted

(ii) To receive a report on the garden plots and agree any actions.

Resolved: That the vacant full plot be split in half plots to offer to two residents on the waiting list.
(Prop Cllr A Whyte, 2nd Cllr E McNeill) All in favour.

12. Cemetery

(i) To carry out annual review of burial fees.

Resolved: That the Cemetery fees are raised by RPI and the figures are rounded off to the nearest pound. Attached as Appendix A (Prop Cllr E McNeill, 2nd Cllr D Jackson) All in favour.

(ii) To review arrangements for purchase and interment for those who reside outside of the Parish.
Members discussed the shortage of land available.

Resolved: That the cemetery is closed for burials to anyone who does not live in the Parish with the exception of plots pre purchased prior to July 2023. (Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2nd Cllr A Whyte) All in favour.

13. To receive a report from footpaths officer – Mr R Consoli.

Report from the footpaths officer was tabled on the evening.

Cllr A Whyte requested that the footpath between the Pike & Eel and the Ferryboat be reported as it is impassable due to it being overgrown.

14. To consider response to introduction of charges by HDC for green waste bins.

Resolved: That the Clerk write a letter to HDC voicing the Parish Council's concerns including:

- Fly tipping & potentially green waste being tipped in ditches.
- Blocked drains
- More product going to landfill
- Details of the consultation and the evidence of saving money

(Prop Cllr E McNeill, 2nd Cllr S Mortlock) All in favour.

15. Correspondence

(i) To note the briefing note – Middle level commissioners bank raising scheme.

Noted

(ii) To note the St Ives Park & Ride Smart Energy Grid Project / Low Carbon Business Support Programme - Update July 2023.

Noted

(iii) To note email from Mr M Baker regarding tree survey update.

Noted

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX A

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY FEES 18/07/2023

1. Interments.

For the interment of:

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| a. The body of a still born child or a child under one year of age. | Nil for resident. |
| b. The body of a person aged 1 to 18 | £125 |
| c. The body of any other person. | £250 |
| d. Cremated remains. | £187 |
| e. Additional fee for interments held outside of
Monday – Saturday, 9.30am – 4.30pm, as per regulation 3.2 | £312 |

2. Exclusive Rights of Burial.

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| a . Purchase of grave space for the exclusive right of burial
in an earthen grave. | £281 |
| b . Purchase of grave space 450mm (18") by 600mm (24")
for the exclusive right of burial of cremated remains. | £125 |

3. Memorials and Memorial inscriptions.

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| a . Erection of an inscribed Headstone. | £118 |
| b. Cremated ashes tablet. | £93 |
| c. Additional inscriptions. | £82 |

4. Other Charges.

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| a. Ministers' Fees - to be arranged by Funeral Director. | |
| b. Fee for searching Register of Burials and taking extracts. | £62 |
| c. Transfer of Burial Rights. | £81 |

NB. All of the above fees are **increased by 400%** for persons who reside outside the Parish of Holywell-cum-Needingworth*. E.g. To buy a plot is £1010.72
The only exception will be for residents who have left the village to move into a nursing care home.
The cemetery is closed for burials to anyone who does not live in the Parish with the exception of plots pre purchased prior to July 2023.

*This may be waived at the discretion of the Clerk.

NB. Fees relating to funerals of children under 18 and stillborn after 24 weeks of pregnancy are to be considered in line with the current The Social Fund (Children's Funeral Fund for England) Regulations 2019 No. 1064