



Meeting Papers

Paulton Parks and Amenities Committee

19th April 2022

CLlr G Garlick and Groundsman P Davison completed a drive around the Village to identify locations for future tree planting.

The committee need to approve the suitable locations. Once approved permissions can be sought were required in readiness for any future tree planting programmes.



Park Road, Opposite Ludwells Orchard

Small bird cherry x 2



Park Road Opposite Persistence



Corner of Park Road/Laurel Drive

Tree now planted by Rotary Club



Corner Brookside/Bath Road by Army Cadets. Owned by BANES who have refused trees although PPC cut grass



Corner Brookside/Bath Road –
Tree fallen down



Littlebrook – check who owns



Top of Somerset Way – who
owns. Tree has been taken down
– who by?



Wallenge Drive – owned by
BANES who have refused to allow
us to plant trees



Wallenge Drive



Gregory's Tynning



Gregorys Tynning/Brittons Hill



Gregorys Tynning – 2 views of the same space





Hanham Lane – used to cut from end of houses to Hanham House about 23 years ago then stopped but don't know why. It is being cut (Becky from Hanham Lodge) and she is looking after trees already their. Fields either side belong to Dan Gillard who lives in the last house on right (going down Hanham Lane (A house)





Wallenge Open Space – suggestions

1 x bench needs replacing

2 new style picnic benches.

3-5 trees by track end and 2 at play end
but if Ash Tree has to go perhaps 1 Oak.

Could we ask Tree Inspector to come and
inspect existing Ash Tree





Top of Ham Grove – footpath leads to
Alexandra Park

Paul does cut when we receive complaints



Elm Road/Winterfield Road

Could put 5 x small trees, 2 either side of bench
and 2 either side of planter. 1 behind bench.

Lots of cables to consider



Winterfield Park – might belong to H Evans
Funeral Directors

?2 x trees here



Mendip Close/Winterfield Park

?2 x trees to match existing tree



Mendip Close – 2 areas

Possible 2 trees



Corner of Oaklands/Mendip Close

Possible 1 tree



Corner of Meadow Road/Clandown Road

Piece of land but don't know who owns it



Badman Close ?Curo land

Potential for trees here



Badman Close entry via Green Vale Road



Entrance to Badman Close next to
leaning Lamp Post



Entrance Badman Close



Plumptre Close – School Gates



Plumptre Road – opposite Swimming Pool

1 x tree already taken down. 2 old cherry trees (past their best) could be removed.

Who owns?



Looking from Greenvale Road along Plumptre Road



Plumptre Road Car Park



Miners Recreation Ground



Scout Hut is to the right of the Photo



Bowls Club is to the left of the photo.
Wildlife area is in the top corner



These photos are of the piece of land at the back of the Rec. The fence is our boundary, it is currently used by Groundsman for composting, fires etc. Could we approach the landowner and ask if there is a possibility of purchasing the land on the other side of fence and create a wildlife/picnic area. Potential then for possible 50 trees, ornamental and blossoming. If not extended the Groundsmen would like to keep as a working area, perhaps plant 4 more trees



Cemetery -area by allotments. Could create an area for scattering ashes and planting memorial trees



Cemetery Fees review

Parks and Amenities Committee 19th April 2022 agenda item #7 CEMETERY FEES

Review and agree the Cemetery fees for the forthcoming year.

Purpose of report

Financial Regulations 9.3 state :

The council will review all fees and charges at least annually, following a report of the Clerk.

Table of charges

A table showing current charges is included below including possible increases of 1%, 1.5% or 2%

Recent Inflation rates for the UK are:

Recent inflation rates for UK

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2022	5.4%	6.1%											
2021	0.7%	0.5%	0.7%	1.5%	2.1%	2.5%	2.0%	3.2%	3.0%	4.1%	5.1%	5.4%	2.6%
2020	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	0.2%	0.6%	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	0.9%
2019	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	1.8%	1.8%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%	1.8%
2018	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.1%	2.5%

Current charges

1. Include an increase ranging from 252% to 255% for non-residents. It is common practice for Councils to charge double rates for non-residents.
2. Include costs for interments with and without the purchase of the exclusive right of burial e.g. for an interment of a body with rights purchased the cost is £262.50, however when charged separately the cost is £268
3. Charges are shown separately for memorials in;
 - a. the burial section,
 - b. unconsecrated section
 - c. and cremated remains section
 but are all for the same amounts e.g. a headstone in each area is £107 and an additional inscription is £29

Recommendations

1. To amend non residents rates to double the residents chard for interments and memorials
2. For fees to be shown in a simpler manner as per the suggested table below

3. To include a fee for the transfer of the exclusive right of burial to cover the cost of officer time in investigating the circumstances of the deceased owner such as whether there is a will or grant of probate, next of kin, executors etc and producing necessary documentation such as statutory declarations in order for the transfer to take place.
4. To consider an uplift for inflation, examples of which are shown on the tables below

CURRENT Cemetery Fees and Charges

The Parish Council shall review the fees and charges annually. Details are available from the Council office or on the Parish Council's website. If a non-parishioner previously lived in Paulton for 10 years or more prior to moving out of the Parish, resident interment rates will apply.

	Current charges			Possible increases					
	Resident	Non-resident		1.0%	1.5%	2.0%			
Interments									
For the interment of a body in an earthen grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has not been granted:	£262.50	£662.00	252%	£2.63	£265.13	£3.94	£266.44	£5.25	£267.75
For the interment of a body in an earthen grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted:	£48.50	£122.50	253%	£0.49	£48.99	£0.73	£49.23	£0.97	£49.47
For the interment of cremated remains in a grave of which an exclusive right of burial has not been granted:	£134.00	£336.50	251%	£1.34	£135.34	£2.01	£136.01	£2.68	£136.68
For the interment of cremated remains in a grave of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted:	£29.00	£74.00	255%	£0.29	£29.29	£0.44	£29.44	£0.58	£29.58
For the scattering of ashes in the cemetery:	£29.00	£74.00	255%	£0.29	£29.29	£0.44	£29.44	£0.58	£29.58

Exclusive Rights of Burials in Earthen Graves

For the exclusive right of burial, for 75 years, in an earthen grave 7ft 6ins by 3ft by 3ft ins wide:	£219.50	£2.20	£221.70	£3.29	£222.79	£4.39	£223.89
For the exclusive right of burial, for 75 years, of cremated remains in an earthen grave 3ft by 3ft in the cremated remains section:	£107.00	£1.07	£108.07	£1.61	£108.61	£2.14	£109.14

Please note the non-parishioners are not permitted to reserve burial or cremated remains plots in the cemetery in advance of interments.

Monuments and Gravestones

In the burial section:

A headstone, tablet book or scroll	£107.00	£270.50	253%	£1.07	£108.07	£1.61	£108.61	£2.14	£109.14
For each added inscription	£29.00	£74.00	255%	£0.29	£29.29	£0.44	£29.44	£0.58	£29.58

In the unconsecrated section:

A headstone	£107.00	£270.50	253%	£1.07	£108.07	£1.61	£108.61	£2.14	£109.14
For each added inscription	£29.00	£74.00	255%	£0.29	£29.29	£0.44	£29.44	£0.58	£29.58
In the cremated remains section:	£107.00	£270.50	253%	£1.07	£108.07	£1.61	£108.61	£2.14	£109.14
For each added inscription	£29.00	£74.00	255%	£0.29	£29.29	£0.44	£29.44	£0.58	£29.58

Maintenance of Graves

After twelve months, levelling of the grassed area	£48.50	£122.50	253%	£0.49	£48.99	£0.73	£49.23	£0.97	£49.47
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Please note:

Persons who were residents of the Bloomfield Care Centre will be charged non-parishioners fees unless it is known that they lived in the parish prior to entering the care centre.

Suggested Cemetery Fees and Charges

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Current charges	Possible increases		
Resident	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%

* Interment Fees are double for non-residents

Interments - residents

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Transfer of the exclusive right of burial	£45.00						

Please note the non-parishioners are not permitted to reserve burial or cremated remains plots in the cemetery in advance of interments.

*Memorial Fees are double for non-residents

Monuments and Gravestones

A headstone, tablet book or scroll	£107.00	£1.07	£108.07	£1.61	£108.61	£2.14	£109.14
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A review of the Allotment fees needs to be undertaken. Please note that 12 months notice is required to increase allotment rents, therefore any increase agreed will come into force in April 2023.

The current fee for Allotment is £20 pa.

Below is a comparative of Allotment fees in the local area.

Parish Council	Rent
Radstock	Full Plot £25.00
Bitten	Half plot £14.00 Full plot £20.00
Peasedown St John	Half Plot £16.00 Full Plot £32.00
Saltford	Half plot £10.00 Full plot £20.00
Farrington Gurney	No reply

REPAIRS TO THE MEMORIAL PARK WALL

Purpose

The Memorial Wall at the top of the park is in need of repair. The existing mortar has come away in several places resulting in the loss of some stones and the loosening of stones in several areas. The Council have budgeted for £20,000 to pay for the repairs to the wall.

Several companies were asked to provide a quote for the immediate required repairs and for a full wall repair. 3 companies completed a site visit and have provided quotes.

Quotes

	Immediate repairs required	Whole wall repair
Company 1	£2,850	£19,430
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate repair quote for the worst affected areas, however significant wear and tear to the whole wall. • Quotes are to repair and repoint lime memorial wall. • All materials included with the exception of temporary traffic lights which may not be required. 		
Company 2	No Quote Provided	£20,915
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No quote provided for partial repair as whole wall needs repairing. • Quote is inclusive of taking down and rebuilding the wall in the worst parts (56m²) and knocking out old mortar and repoints the rest of the wall (76m²). • Harras fence, generator, safety barriers and toilet hire included. • Skip hire and pavement hire included. • 25 linear meters of new mortar on the top of the wall. • 4 bags of extra stone allowed for within quote in case of need • All sand, stone dust and hydraulic lime NHL 3.5 included. 		
Company 3	£7,500	No Quote Provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not feel they would be able to undertake the full wall repair and therefore only quoted for a partial repair. • No further information included other than cost. 		

Please note these prices are estimates and subject to change at the time of work.

Proposal

It was resolved in August 2021 that we would have the Cemetery Lodge roof looked at to identify any damage that could be causing leaks. It was agreed that any works required to the roof would need to be completed prior to installing replacement windows.

Quotes

	Cost
Company 1	£2,250.00
<p>Builder has visited the property and looked in each room for water ingress. Roof space has been inspected. Builder has informed me that the roof is in good condition including the slates and leadwork, however the chimney has never been capped. Over the years water has come down the Chimney, this is evidenced by the only water damage/leaks that have solely occurred around the chimney breast and the bedroom ceiling.</p> <p>Quote includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaffolding, materials and labour • To hack off all remaining damaged mortar to the exterior stack • Repoint the exterior stack • Cap top off stacks and vent with tiles • Allocate and clean roof gutters which are blocked 	
Company 2	£13,469.20
<p>Builder visited the property and looked in the roof space, they have recommended a full roof replacement. Quote includes supplying reclaimed Welsh Slate, however the current tiles are not Welsh Slate.</p> <p>Quote includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaffolding • Take off ridge tiles and load into skip • Take off old tiles and carefully stack for re use • Remove old batten and felt • Brush off all rafters and prep for refitting • Supply and fix new roofing membrane • Supply and fix new battens • Supply and fix new eaves felt support trays • Supply and fit new code 3 soakers and code 4 flashings to the chimneys • Lay the old slates previously used • Supply and lay reclaimed natural Welsh Slate to replace those disregarded • Supply new ridge tiles 	

Company 3	£13,750.00
<p>Builder completed a roadside visit and has not entered the property. Although they have not seen the roof space they have recommended a full roof replacement.</p> <p>Quote includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaffolding • Ridge and tiles to be stripped off and disposed of • Felt and batten to be stripped and disposed of • Roof to be re-felt and battened • Eave carriers to be fitted • Roof to be retiled using slate grey Redland 50 double Roman's • Chimney to be re-leaded using code 4. 	

Summary

All 3 quotes vary significantly in the recommendations for the works required. 2 Companies have recommended a full roof replacement, although only 1 entered the property and neither inspected the whole property for leaks. Company 2 will reuse the tiles where possible however company 2 will replace all the tiles. Company 1 has completed a full inspection of the property including the roof space and is very clear that the roof is in good repair and does not need the expense of replacing.

£20,000 has been included within the budget for repairs to the cemetery, this is inclusive of both the roof repairs and the replacement windows.

Recommendation

The Council have worked with company 1 previously and have found the work to be of high standard. I have met with the builder several times and believe the recommendation for a repair and not replacement can be trusted.

I recommend that the Council accept company 1 to carry out the work.