

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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The Town Council Site Inspections were held on 22nd July 2015 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Mrs C Burrow (Chairman) Cllr M Fisher
 Cllr K Hodge Cllr I MacLeod
 Cllr I Palmer Cllr Ms J Trehwitt
 Cllr S Whiteley

In attendance: Mrs R Rice – Town Clerk

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs G Hoggins, Cllr Dr P Brickley, Cllr Mrs A Ponsford and Cllr M Kennedy.

Cllr Mrs K Tizzard was not in attendance.

Councillors met at the Cemetery in Exeter Street at 7.00 pm.

The Clerk pointed out the most recent wooden cross that had been erected on a grave and the two other wooden crosses that had been erected some time ago. Councillors walked around the cemetery and noted the various pots and various types of plant containers, trinkets, lights and animals etc. Councillors commented that all of these obstacles were making it hard for the grass contractors to cut the grass. One grave stone was noted to be very unstable. The Clerk was asked to see if she could contact any relatives.

Various Christmas wreaths were removed from the graves.

The Garden of Remembrance was inspected and it was noted that some of the tablets did not contain any receptacle for flowers; hence flowers were getting strewn around with the wind.

It was noted that there were some brambles in the Yew Trees and the fir tree opposite the Chapel of Rest needed cutting back. The Clerk was requested to contact Golden Leaf Landscaping.

The state of the walls outside the cemetery walls was noted.

Councillors then went to the SUDS pond below Strawberry Fields. The fencing around the SUDS pond was inspected and it was noted that lots of the posts to the fencing were either broken or unstable.

As this was emergency work the Clerk was requested to liaise with Mr Richard Knott to ask for a price to repair the fencing, and the Cllr Mrs B Burrow, Vice-Chair and the Chairman of Finance, Cllr I MacLeod to agree this price. The Clerk was also requested to contact Millwood Homes, the owners of the land, as it appeared some of the damage may have been caused by the horses in the field. It was also noted

that the metal fencing to the SWW pumping station had been damaged by the horses and the Clerk was requested to report this to Millwood Homes.

Councillors then went to the Memorial Park to decide where the three new seats should be sited. After some discussion it was decided that one seat should be placed under the Monkey Puzzle Tree, on inside the Infants Play Area and one below the Half Pipe on the right hand side.

The wall to the Memorial Park was inspected and it was noted that the area of wall immediately opposite the Fire Station needed immediate attention. The Clerk was requested to liaise with Mr Geoff Cawse regarding this.

Councillors returned to the Council Offices to discuss the Cemetery Regulations, in the light of their inspection.

The Cemetery Regulations were viewed. It was commented that this is a very sensitive subject.

After some discussion it was resolved that, subject to the ratification of the Full Council that:

A summary of the rules should be highlighted in the Roundabout, stating a full copy is available on the website, Chapel of Rest Noticeboard and available from the office.

Funeral Directors and Stone Masons should be reminded to give a copy of the Cemetery Rules to the families when funeral arrangements are made and when memorial stones are erected.

Small wooden crosses would be allowed, for a period of 12 months, prior to the erection of a headstone.

No permanent wooden crosses would be allowed.

No planting on graves would be allowed, but floral tributes would be allowed.

All new Garden of Remembrance tablets should include an integral vase for flowers, and installed level with the ground.

After agreement of the Full Council and publication in the Roundabout a period of 3 months shall be given for items to be removed, including the wooden crosses, after which the Town Council will remove and store the items.

The Site Inspection ended at 9 pm.