

Cemetery Group Report – January 2023

- 1 The group (Roger Jones, Steve Watts, Mike Weston & Chris Woods) met on Wednesday 18th January
 - i. The group reported, discussed, agreed and planned to take the following next steps
- 2 MW met with Richard Corbett (Yareal agent) on 19th December 2022
 - i. Three issues were discussed
 1. New Fence
 - a. It was confirmed that the new fence had been installed enclosing the reclaimed land to the west of the cemetery
 - b. It was confirmed that the fence had been constructed in accordance with email exchanges of 14th and 20th July 2022
 - c. RC indicated verbal approval of fence
 - d. MW sought written confirmation of approval
 - e. RC agreed to discuss with Yareal and revert back to MW
 2. Planned Use of land to west of cemetery
 - a. The planning permission history was explained and put into the context of the restrictive covenants
 - b. MW explained that ORPC planned to divide the land between a tarmac car park, accessed via the current entrance, and a meadow grass memorial garden which would eventually be given over to burial space

- c. RC was informed that ORPC believed these plans to be within the restrictive covenants
 - d. RC was requested to obtain Yareal's written agreement of this position so ORPC can proceed with the appropriate planning applications
 - e. RC saw no real issues with ORPC plans but raised concern about drainage possibly effecting adjacent Yareal land
 - f. RC agreed to discuss with Yareal and revert back to MW
 - 3. Planned Use of land to east of cemetery
 - a. The potential use of this land as a community asset for the Parish was explained with allotments being a key consideration
 - b. ORPC recognises that restrictive covenants in place need to be removed
 - c. RC questioned issues such as location and suitability but raised no real objections
 - d. Yareal's written consent was sought so that ORPC could proceed
 - e. The next again step would be to obtain a Deed of Release
 - f. RC agreed to discuss with Yareal and revert back to MW
 - ii. MW confirmed all points to RC by email, no response has been received
- 3 CW met with three potential contractors, and spoke with one other, regarding the planning permission process required to be followed in the development of the cemetery lands
- i. Henry Thomas
 - 1. Quoted £540 to produce outline plans
 - ii. Elgan Roberts
 - 1. Quoted £1250 to produce more detailed plans
 - iii. Dave Parker

1. Did not quote
2. Recommended the need for a topological survey estimated at a cost of >£1500
3. Drew attention to drainage and possible ground contamination issues
4. Referred three other potential suppliers
 - a. Andrew Gouch
 - b. John Sumner
 - c. Jeremy Hurlstone
- iv. John Sumner
 1. Wanted a fee to attend site and prepare quote
- 4 Action to be taken
 - i. CW will reapproach suppliers to
 1. Ensure they are prepared to handhold ORPC through the complete planning process
 2. Equalise the scope of the quote content
 3. Obtain revised quotations
 - ii. MW will approach
 1. Mark Foxall (Officer that deals with cemeteries at Shropshire Council) to
 - a. Seek guidance ref legislation, terms, conditions and any guidance (drainage & contamination) that can assist in the planning process
 2. Mark Barrow and Mark Foxall to
 - a. Prompt answers to questions raised by Roger Jones on Tracie Whatkiss ref planning
- 5 The Cemetery Group asks ORPC to consider and approve the following
 - i. That the potential costs of obtaining planning permission are going to be higher than originally anticipated and that an allocation of £6000 is more in line with current knowledge