



## **BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

*CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge*

Minutes of the Meeting of the Extraordinary Churchyard & Cemetery Committee held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm at The Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton.**

**Present:** Margaret Footner, Chairman (MF), Simon Jordan (SJ), Mike Bainbridge (MB), Liz Ruston (LH)

**In Attendance:** Kathryn Hornett, Asisstant Clerk (KH), Tess Rogers, Clerk (TR)

- 1. Receive Apologies**  
Nigel Maggs, Linda Hicks
- 2. Declarations of Interest**  
Margaret Footner & Liz Ruston have pre purchased plots in the Cemetery.
- 3. To consider the request from Mr Allen to clean and tend to the headstone & grave space of John, William & Alice M. Allen, Plot 124 (Triangle I)**
  - 3.1** KH explained that the Exclusive Rights of Burial for this plot have expired. Although highly possible it is not known if Mr Allen is the next of kin of those in the grave.  
All agreed that if someone wishes to clean a memorial and maintain a grave, then they should be allowed to do so.  
MB suggested that we be specific about what work would be allowed.  
MB proposed permission be granted to restore the grave space to a tidy state and to clean the memorial, but to not allow any changes to the grave space. LR seconded the proposal, all agreed.  
KH asked if Mr Allen should be charged for the rights to tend to the plot.  
It was agreed no.
- 4. To consider the request from Mr Pearson to bury his late sister's ashes into the grave of their grandmother, Elizabeth Pearson, Plot 1112 (Old Cemetery)**
  - 4.1** KH explained that Mr Pearson and his sister have not been Brampton residents for over 60 years, and the Exclusive Rights of Burial for this plot have expired. JMB suggested that if it was a body to be interred perhaps circumstances would be different but as it was ashes, it seemed a reasonable request.  
MB recommended that the plot remains in the possession of the Parish Council but proposed to allow Mr Pearson to inter his sister's ashes into the grave. MF seconded, and all agreed.

**Tess Rogers joined the meeting here.**

KH confirmed with members that they did not wish to charge Mr Pearson the fee for the Exclusive Rights of Burial to the plot, and that this meant he would not be able to add a memorial to the plot but there would be the usual fee for the interment of ashes.

TR advised that only the owner of the Exclusive Rights of Burial has the authority to make decisions regarding a grave space. In this instance this is the Parish Council. Mr Pearson has explained that here are no further relatives, it is unknown what will happen upon his death. It is not known where his parents are buried.

(TR also noted re item 3 above, that again there is no Exclusive Rights of Burial in place, but if the cleaning of the memorial is undertaken by professionals, then the correct materials will be used. If there is concern over the stability of the memorials this should be reported back to the Parish Council.)

**5. To decide on the fee & procedure for extending expiring Exclusive Right of Burials**

MB proposed £50 for a further 75 years, to cover admin fees. LR seconded, all agreed.

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: