

**Houghton Regis Town Council  
New Cemetery Sub-Committee  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6.00pm**

Present:	Cllrs:	S Thorne J Carroll Y Farrell R Morgan	Chair
	CBC Cllr:	S Goodchild	
	Officers:	Clare Evans Louise Senior	Town Clerk Head of Democratic Services
Also present:	Cllrs:	D Jones T McMahan	
Absent:	Cllr:	M S Kennedy	

**NC121 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS**

None.

**NC122 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**NC123 MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the New Cemetery Sub-Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**Resolved: To confirm the Minutes of the New Cemetery Sub-Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

**NC124 NEW CEMETERY PROVISION**

Members were provided with options for site investigations for land for a new cemetery.

Members acknowledged that the search for land for a new cemetery provision had continued over many years and that the options offered by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) were viable and thanked the Town Clerk for her hard work and efforts resulting in the options offered.

Members were advised that CBC had not confirmed how the land would be passed to HRTC, although it was thought that there would not be a charge. It was thought that ownership would be passed over or that it would be passed over under a long-term lease agreement. It was requested that clarification be sought. It was highlighted that this was a considerable offer from CBC. Had HRTC needed to purchase land privately it may have

made the whole project cost prohibitive.

It was suggested that as Houghton Regis Town Council would be responsible for the cost of preparing the land and layout of the cemetery, it would be prudent to initiate budget provision for this project.

It was requested that Anglian Water be contacted for a preliminary view on this proposal as the operator of the adjacent water treatment works. Members were advised that Anglian water would be consulted as a statutory consultee once a planning application had been submitted.

- Resolved:**
- 1. To commission T2 Groundwater Risk Assessment for Land at the end of Grendall Lane and, provided this is supportive, to proceed with the monitoring work and an updated T3 report;**
  - 2. To fund the investigations from EMR 348, Cemetery provision**

#### **NC125 FUTURE MEETINGS**

Members were invited to consider when this Sub Committee should meet again.

Members requested the Town Clerk contact Cemetery Development and discuss timescales.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00pm**

**Dated this        day of**

**Chairman**