

Item 163

Carlton Parish Council

To: Carlton Parish Council

From: Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

Date: 22nd March 2023

Clerk's Report on Matters since the Parish Council meeting held on 28th February 2023

1. Cemetery

- i) Two issues have been raised over the past week, one by Facebook and one by phone call which show concern over damaged and/ or a missing memorial item.

Whilst the medium of Facebook is not the way to raise an issue but the concern is there so with the occurrence of the second incident I checked with the groundworks contractor who does not recall causing any damage when working in the cemetery recently nor has any knowledge of the missing item.

There is little else that can be done regarding this; trust in the groundworks contractor is a must and there is no reason to think otherwise. He assures that he would report to the clerk should there be any incidents to note.

- ii) There has been one memorial installation request and one interment since the last meeting of the council with revenue of £400.00 gained.
- iii) A discussion was had at the CWG meeting regarding the cemetery waste bins which should now be under a commercial waste disposal contract with Selby District Council Waste Management team. SDC quoted as below; I obtained two further like for like quotes which were £1356.00 and £1734.72 The original quote from SDC discussed at the CWG was for weekly collection.

Options via SDC are: -

- 4x 240L bins to be collected fortnightly plus waste licence at £958.64 per annum.
- 3x 360L bins to be collected fortnightly plus waste licence at £963.32 per annum.
- 1x 660L bin to be collected fortnightly plus waste licence at £421.74 per annum.

The initial cost from SDC seemed extortionate but on researching it would appear to be the cheaper option.

2. Local Issues, News and Updates

A resident has again questioned the validity of the PROW adjacent to his property beyond Low Street, the speed limit and the provision of dog waste bins. I contacted NYCC Highways Department to clarify once and for all regarding the legality of the PROW, who responded to enable the matter to be closed with the resident. He can pursue the matter further with the appropriate authority should he wish.

3. Allotments

There is still one part plot available at the allotment site though I haven't set a new tenant on as I was waiting for the AWG to meet to discuss layout and rental prices.

As the new growing season and the new financial year is looming, so invoices to be issued I intend to send a letter to all tenants to ensure they tidy their plots forthwith, where appropriate. There is an ever growing waiting list and I believe that, if the present tenants are not using the plots as intended and to a good standard, consideration should be given to warning and potentially expelling those who do not improve the state of their plots.

I would also like to investigate the notion of the 1 year notification before being able to increase the rental charges as I believe should the rental costs be increased significantly the tenants would more feel the need to utilise the plots properly. At the present rates there is no great incentive and no impetus to improve their usage by the tenants.

Recommendation to council: That

- i) the engaging SDC as the preferred waste removal contractor for the cemetery bins be approved, for either 4x 240L bins, 3x 360L bins or 1x 660L bin.**
- ii) the approval be given for the clerk to explore the ruling on timescales for permitted allotment rental increase;**
- iii) an Allotment Working Group meeting be called, as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting of the Council which is to be held in May 2023.**