

Item 53

Carlton Parish Council

To: Carlton Parish Council

From: Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

Date: 20th September 2023

Clerk's Report on Matters since the Parish Council meeting held on 25th July 2023

1. Cemetery

- i) A cremation plot purchase was arranged in August, along with an interment of ashes, with a total cost of £435.00

A request from a monumental mason has been received along with payment, pending approval, for a new headstone and inscription at a cost of £100.00

- ii) Memorial testing was completed on the back left quadrant and sides on 31st August 2023, by Cllr's Lowes and Taylor and the clerk. The results have been updated on the cemetery database and are as follows:-

Red Test = 1 Amber Tests = 11 Monitor = 7 Previous Amber = 4

Two memorials including one from 06/22 tests have been recently corrected. There are issues with three memorials relating to vegetation in the vicinity, and one memorial has been removed from its original plot to reside in a kerb-set of a nearby plot, so needs laying down at its proper position.

Six families and/or masons have been contacted and I am awaiting further information from them to ensure the memorials in question are corrected.

A number of items of damaged memorial stone parts (aged) that have been stored around the cemetery have been removed to tidy up areas, and an overgrown bush and tree stump have been removed from the garden area of the chapel.

- iii) I have noticed that there is regularly litter at the bus shelter outside the cemetery or often thrown over the wall into the cemetery. I would like to suggest that a litter bin is provided by the Council to be positioned adjacent to the bus shelter (with permission from North Yorkshire Highways Dept.) to alleviate the problem.

The CIL funds for infrastructure for this year so far has been applied for via the Finance Committee, which is £2731.21 This would provide funding for a new bin in this position.

- iv) The contractor has been contacted regarding the sealed joins in the cemetery pathways and the issue of weeds growing through the surface. The groundworks contractor has spot sprayed the areas affected but a more permanent solution is required.

Recommendation to Council: That the purchase and placement of a bin at the bus shelter adjacent to the cemetery, using CIL funds, be considered for approval.

2. Allotments

- i) After contacting the tenants regarding untended plots one half plot has been given up and one quarter plot (once the vegetables growing are removed). One tenant who had the notice to improve has been in contact and would like to keep the plot, having completed a small amount of improvement to it. I am waiting for confirmation from two further tenants as to whether they want to keep their plots or not. I will update the Council as soon as I have further news. I have not contacted the persons on the waiting list yet, until further I instruction from the Allotment Working Group and/ or Parish Councillors on the resolution for the paths and realignment of the plots.
- ii) The tap in the allotment has been installed at a cost of £145.00 and the new gate access permission has gone to Barratt's team via Gateway Property Management. This is to be a positive response before any further work can commence on the gated access.

3. Local Issues, News and Updates

- i) The Remembrance Sunday Service has been secured with the Reverend George Greenhough offering his services again, as Reverend Becky Allright is moving parishes before November 2023. The event date would be 12th November 2023.

I will contact the Village Community Groups for their attendance and Mr R Brown, local serviceman to request the reading to be completed. I will update the Order of Service and ensure all is in place for the day.
- ii) A member of the public contacted me to request action on the overgrown hedging at the Primary School. I requested action from NY Highways Dept, as the hedge protruded over the footpath, making it hazardous to the public users.
- iii) Christmas in the Golden Garden - we need to secure a Christmas Tree for the festive period. As per the issue of the energy provider for the unmetered supply for the Christmas Lights for the tree, it was suggested by the Finance Committee that for the future an alternative should be sought for powering the lights; there is only one supplier that deals with an unmetered supply and obviously the ideal would be to avoid that. This can be opened up for discussion at a future Council meeting.
- iv) North Yorkshire Council has been contacted regarding the overgrown garden and hedges at 1 Low Street, Carlton. This has now been addressed to some extent.