

Item 62

Carlton Parish Council

To: Carlton Parish Council

From: Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

Date: 19th September 2024

Clerk's Report on matters since the Parish Council meeting held 1st August 2024.

1. Cemetery

- i) One additional memorial inscription was approved, and the mason arranged payment of £70.00

Two new memorial headstones were approved for Carlton residents' grave plots, with payment due of £200.00

- ii) An invoice has been raised to a funeral director for £120.00, which included an ashes interment of £90.00 and additional administrative costs of £30.00. The ashes interment occurred on 5th January 2024, but was only made aware to the clerk when a monumental mason requested the additional inscription approval documents, and it was then realised that there was no knowledge of this interment. After a little research and logic the funeral director in question was found and the documentation is now received.

This is the second time this year that a funeral director (two different ones) have failed to provide the correct documentation and seek the required permissions prior to the interment date. I believe it is appropriate to set a fine for such occasions (hopefully few and far between in future) of perhaps £200.00 within the cemetery charging system, to severely penalise any company should they not comply to the rules. If the interment is a burial there are such repercussions should it occur, perhaps in the wrong plot etc, and documents in that case have to be forwarded to the registry office by the clerk within a week of the burial.

Recommendation to Council: That

The Council consider applying/ approving the penalty rate to the funeral directors should they fail to notify the clerk of a forthcoming interment, and provide the appropriate paperwork. (the cemetery charges document is noted for review at agenda point 68ii))

- iii) The cemetery walls repairs are going well; an update is to be given by the clerk within the main meeting agenda.

2. Allotments

- i) All allotment plots are now tenanted with one new tenant still to make a start on clearing their allotment in readiness to cultivate. This is a bigger plot which was left by the previous tenant in a poor and overgrown state therefore a little leniency is being given.
- ii) A request was made to the Barratt technical team to have permission for removeable bollard/s to be placed in front of the new allotment side gate, or

yellow floor markings but this was declined. The issues will be monitored, and the tenants will let me know should there be vehicles parked in front of the gate regularly.

3. Local Matters

- i) A member of the public has made a request to have permission to install a memorial bench in the Golden Garden in memory of the longstanding local resident (Carl Gawtry) who grew up in the village, attended school, was a founder member of a local Scooter Club, and also arranged the quiz nights at The Forresters public house.

Recommendation to Council: That the permission to place a memorial bench (or a plaque on an existing bench) in the Golden Garden be considered for approval.

Cllr's Hawe and Kibble have kindly planted some additional shrubs in the Golden Garden to cover the 'empty' areas. It was noted that additional bark coverage is required; the clerk will contact the groundworks contractor to discuss further.

- ii) The groundworks contractor has reported that someone has weed killed/sprayed the dandelions in the lawned area of the Golden Garden. This was not something that I had knowledge of. He was concerned that the dead areas would promote further weed growth. This will be monitored.
- iii) The CCTV service provider made contact to request a meeting for them to complete the annual service of the system, which is housed in the BATA building. They were informed of the Council's decision to cease the service, and BATA personnel were informed as such, should the service provider remove the hard drive system. Once this occurs no access will be available to view the cameras/ recordings.
- iv) A member of the public reported that a public bridleway at the bottom of Low Street was partially blocked by overgrown vegetation, and the stile at the railway crossing is not suitable for the crossing due to its height. A response was returned letting the person know that NYC, and the landowner are responsible for PROW's and Bridleways maintenance, and Network Rail is responsible for the rail crossing facility. It was requested that the two bodies were contacted directly by the member of the public to report the issues.
- v) A member of the public emailed with concern to the overgrown vegetation at Camm Lane, which was blocking the visibility of the junction and the signage. She also mentioned the unruly vegetation around the village.

A response was returned that NYC was responsible for addressing these issues, and the person should report directly to them, however I also reported the issues to Area 7. NYC stated that they would log the issues and raise a job sheet for the work.