

**Minutes of the Meeting of Waltham Parish Council Burial Committee
held on
Monday 21st May 2018 at the Parish Office.**

Present: Cllr K Shaw, Cllr Sadler, Cllr K Kiddle-Bailey and the Clerk
Mrs L Leach.

1303:

To appoint a Chairman for the Burial Board for the year 2018/2019.

Cllr Shaw was nominated and unanimously voted as
Chairman for the year 2018/2019.

1304:

To appoint a Vice Chairman for the Burial Board for the year 2018/2019.

Cllr Surtees was nominated and unanimously voted as Vice
Chairman for the year 2018/2019.

1305:

Declaration of Interest.

**(a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in
respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests
should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.**

None

**(b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of
the agenda item listed below.**

None

1306:

Open Forum.

None in attendance

1307:

Apologies.

Cllrs Surtees and Woodliff were unable to attend the meeting
and offered their apologies.

1308:

Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2018 were
considered, approved and signed as a true record.

1309:

Burial Grants.

The following Burial Grants were signed:

Name	Grant	Section	Plot
Miss AM Dyte	1225	H	BD20
Mr B Dawes	1226	I	D06
Mr J Grant	1227	I	D07

1310:

**To discuss site visit to cemetery and consider any matters brought
forward.**

The Councillors discussed the site visit to the cemetery that
had taken place. Members were concerned to see many
weeds growing inside the kerbed plots and were most upset
over the newly turfed graves that have all gone brown. The
area at the side of the hedge was once again overgrown with

weeds and this would be reducing the number of plots available. It was felt that a meeting with the maintenance contractor on site is to be arranged to discuss the issues raised.

RESOLVED: The Burial Board agreed to arrange a meeting with the contractor on site at the cemetery to discuss the issues raised.

1311:

To discuss the width between headstones as viewed on the site visit.

The Burial Board agreed with the complainant's comments over the distance between the headstones concerned and felt that this should be corrected by the stonemasons.

RESOLVED: The Burial Board agreed to contact the stone masons to arrange the offending headstone to be re-fitted in the correct position.

1312:

To receive information on child funeral fees.

The Clerk read an article that has appeared in a national newspaper explaining that the government is looking at setting up a Children's Funeral Fund, to help families who experience the death of a child under 18, to assist with funeral costs. The Clerk will keep the Burial Board up to date when further information is released.

The Chairman made the members aware of leylandii trimmings that were present on the paths and inside the cemetery gate.

RESOLVED: The Burial Board agreed to put up the camera to monitor people depositing non-cemetery waste in the bin.

1313:

To receive any update on land for future burial ground.

There has been no update yet on the possibility of additional land next to the current cemetery. Members discussed other options that may be available to them, but felt that these should be brought to the Full Council's attention before further investigations are made.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to take this matter to Full Council before time is spent investigating other options for further burial board land.

1314:

To consider any items to be taken to Full Council.:

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to take future burial ground to Full Council.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Burial Board meeting is to be held on Monday 9th July 2018 starting at 10.30am in the Parish Office.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 11.35am.