



Minutes of a **Burial Board Committee** of the Calstock Parish Council held on **Tuesday 24 November 2020** virtually via Googlemeet, commencing at 1830

Those present were- Cllr Alford, Cllr Beech, Cllr Greenwood (Chair), Cllr Polglase, Cllr Wells, Cllr Wakem, Miss Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk – minutes).

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, 27-10-2020

Proposal/Resolution: the minutes be approved (proposed: Cllr Wakem, seconded: Cllr Alford – 2 abstentions from Councillors who were not present at the last meeting, all others in favour).

5. PROJECTED IMPACT OF WAIVING THE INTERMENT FEE

The Deputy Clerk reported that funeral directors were surprised that the interment fees were being waived and that most cemeteries do charge a fee. Initial comparison data with burials this year from last year do not show much difference. It was agreed to monitor this over the next financial year and review it again as this year may be somewhat skewed with the Covid pandemic.

6. PLASTIC FREE INITIATIVE – DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

The Deputy Clerk had drafted a press release for submission in January. She had sent it to a PR consultant in Calstock who offered to make some edits on a pro bono basis. This edit was disseminated. The Board were pleased with the tone of the press release and thanked Jason very much for his help. It was agreed that Cllr Wells will edit it to shorten it as it was felt to be a little long. It was agreed to stick to the plan of having the press release in January with a view to removing plastic from June/July 2021.

7. REQUEST FOR A TREE OR BENCH IN CALSTOCK CEMETERY

It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk will contact Mrs Smale and ask if she is interested in the Crowdfunding project for a tree to be placed in the extension or suggest that a bench would be very useful there when it is open.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1846.

Signed..... Dated.....