

Wingerworth Parish Council

Churchyard Committee

Meeting of Monday 20 June 2016 at 6pm at the Church

Present: Cllr Chris Hutchings (Chair), Rev Jonathan Poston, Cllr Cecilia Harper, Cllr Pat Antcliff, Carol Austin and Andy Harrop with Mike Taylor (Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence were received from James Brownlee and Janet Magson
2. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 February 2016 were noted.
3. Matters Arising

It was reported that the overgrown vegetation encroaching the public path had been cut back.

4. Maintenance

It was reported that a combination of lengthy periods of wet weather coupled with one of the caretakers being on sick leave had resulted in the Churchyard being in a poor state for a period. This necessitated the engagement of a contractor who had strimmed and cut and with the caretaker now on a phased return to work it was hoped that things would be back to normal. The contractor had done a good job at short notice but there was a concern about the amount of cuttings he had left on paths as this was trodden into the Church and the Centre with resulting problems. The contractor would be asked to try and avoid this in future even if it meant the work taking slightly longer to complete the work.

Mr Harrop reported on work due to be undertaken with the hedges in the Autumn along with work on the trees including the removal of some dead wood and the raising of the canopy level of some of the trees in the Churchyard. He also reported on having adequate supplies of grit following another mild winter and on much needed work needed to the benches. It was suggested that the Parish Council might consider paying for the work to the heritage bench given that they had previously taking an interest in this bench constructed from a ship and had supplied the plaque attached to the bench.

5. Date of the Next Meetings

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 24 October 2016 and dates for subsequent meetings were suggested as Monday 20 February 2017 and Monday 19 June 2017.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 6.20pm.