

Wingerworth Parish Council

Churchyard Committee

Meeting of Monday 24 October 2016 at 6pm at the Church

Present: Rev Jonathan Poston (Chair), Carol Austin and Andy Harrop with Mike Taylor (Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chris Hutchings, James Brownlee, Janet Magson, Cllr Cecilia Harper and Cllr Pat Antcliff,

2. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 June 2016 were noted.

3. Matters Arising

It was reported that the trees had been dead-wooded and that the heritage bench had been removed for drying out in advance of any work on the bench.

4. Maintenance

It was reported that maintenance of the Churchyard had been difficult with a period of absence due to the illness of one of the caretakers but a combination of engaging a contractor as well as the caretakers phased return to work had succeeded in the maintaining the area to at least a reasonable standard. The spraying of areas around the old headstones by Andy Harrop had proved to be a more effective way of keeping weeds at bay. There was a query about whether more space could be made available in the storage shed by removing any old and unwanted equipment.

5. Date of the Next Meetings

The date of the next meetings were confirmed as Monday 20 February 2017 and Monday 19 June 2017.

6. Any Other Business

It was confirmed that bonfires were occasionally lit on the far side of the car park opposite the Church but these were supervised by a responsible Church member and were late at night to avoid any trouble for neighbouring residents. It appeared that the bonfires had been earlier on one or two occasions this past year but that they would not in future be lit until later.

The meeting ended at 6.54pm.