

Yeovil Crematorium & Cemetery Committee



Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 6:00pm at Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil.

Present:

Alf Hill	Yeovil Without Parish Council
Tony Lock	Yeovil Town Council
Graham Oakes	South Somerset District Council
Manny Roper	Yeovil Town Council (Chairman)
Rob Stickland	South Somerset District Council

In Attendance:

Amanda Card	Clerk to the Committee
Glenn Ford	Cemetery Foreman, Yeovil Cemetery
Paul Rayson	Manager, Yeovil Crematorium

There were no members of the press or public present.

Public Comment

6:08pm - the meeting commenced.

6:08pm – Cllr T Lock left the room.

(1) Apologies for Absence

Barbara Appleby (Yeovil Without Parish Council Clerk); Ross Eaton (Finance Specialist – South Somerset District Council and Chris Cooper (Environmental Services Manager – South Somerset District Council).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies

(2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made at this time.

(3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee held on 9th January 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6:10pm – Cllr T Lock returned to the room.

(4) Yeovil Cemetery – Blue Waste Bins

The Cemetery Foreman introduced the report.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

(5) Cemetery Regulations

The Cemetery Foreman introduced the regulations. Questions were raised relating to the regulations. Some suggestions were made.

RESOLVED: (1) to agree the Cemetery Regulations subject to the amendments suggested by the Committee; and (2) to recommend to Yeovil Town Council and Yeovil Without Parish Council that the Cemetery Regulation be adopted.

(6) Crematorium Regulations

The Crematorium Manager introduced the regulations. Questions were raised relating to the regulations. Some suggestions were made.

RESOLVED: (1) to agree the Crematorium Regulations subject to the amendments suggested by the Committee; and (2) to recommend to Yeovil Without Parish Council and South Somerset District Council that the Crematorium Regulation be adopted.

(7) Dates of Future Meetings

Discussions were held about holding meetings in April before the elections.

RESOLVED: (1) that the dates of future meetings are as follows:
17th July 2019 (to be held at Yeovil Crematorium)
16th October 2019
15th January 2020; and
(2) that holding meetings in April before elections would be reviewed.

(8) Any other Business

The Crematorium Manager stated that cremation numbers for 2018/19 was 1,687 compared to the previous year of 1,808. He stated that 2017/18 was unusually high.

The Cemetery Foreman stated that burial numbers for 2018/19 was 34 (compared to 37 in 2017/18) and that ashes were 48 (compared to 31 in the previous year). He mentioned that the Memorial Health and Safety was practically complete. The team had laid down nearly 900 memorials and this was carried out under budget. He also informed the Committee that the work within the “common graves” would start this winter.

Councillors commented how nice the cemetery is looking at the moment. Councillors who have not recently visited the cemetery were encouraged to do so.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

(9) Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: (1) to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity of agenda item 12 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3.

(10) Appointment of External Auditor (Commercial in Confidence)

RESOLVED: to approve and recommend to Yeovil Town Council, Yeovil Without Parish Council and South Somerset District Council the appointment of Darkin Miller – Chartered Accountants as the external auditor.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he would not be standing for election in May and that this would be his last time chairing the Committee. He thanked everyone for their attendance and input at these Committee meetings.

6:28pm – the meeting closed.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: