

Charing Parish Council

Cemetery Committee Notes of Meeting 06 October 2025

In attendance: Stephen Woodbridge (Chair), Janet White

1. Apologies: Dawne Austin, Corry Bain-Smith, Terry Haywood, Tylden Reed
2. Cemetery Maintenance Review: This is on-going. Tree work is pending
3. Cemetery Charge Increases. This issue will be considered as part of the budget discussions. It is expected that, in view of the current level of inflation (3.8 per cent, on August CPI) and increased maintenance costs, it will be necessary to raise cemetery charges in the coming year.
4. Cemetery Budget Review: this will take place later in October. Additional funding may be required for further tree work.
5. Astro-Turf Removal: this issue is ongoing.
6. Update on replacement of railings: No progress has been made on this matter.
7. War graves: canopy for gatehouse – no progress to note
8. Memorial checks/safety inspection & progress on repair of damaged memorials. It is believed that there has been an inspection of work required.
9. Cemetery Record Books: mapping of grave plots. It would help management of the site if and when digitisation of information is completed. We need clarification as to whether this work is now in progress.
10. Compost heap – There was no visible progress
11. AOB – There is a hole in the wall between the school and the cemetery, immediately adjacent to the storage building. An estimate of repair cost should be included in the forthcoming budget.