

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

Cemetery meeting Notes Monday 22nd August 10.00am Plus October update

NOTES

Present:

Andy Fulcher representing Norse
Linda Merriam Cemetery Clerk
Mike Hawes, Ian Webster and Anne Westover

Items 1 – 9 with Norse

1. Paddock management, cut due over next month. Group felt this item should be added to new contract, to be cut 2/3 times per year as required. Paddock has been cut by Norse.
2. Road frontage ditch, condition to be monitored. Young hedge struggled in summer drought, need for replacement to be considered in Autumn.
3. Access gate Ian has previously set out a draft specification, including side fences, minor update needed. Norse would like to quote for this work (Shayne Plant key contact).
4. Estate Railing and post and wire fence maintenance the Group agree that post and wire fences could be removed on the east and southern boundaries. Agreed it would be desirable to remove barbed wire on west boundary, replace with wire.
5. Subsoil bunker and topsoil store New bunker in use, although undertakers are still dumping some spoil in the snowdrop area. Letter/reminder to undertakers? Topsoil container is not in active use. Query if Handyman Richard Ellis can top up with new soil for use in topping up sunken graves.
6. Grave levels some top-ups needed. Families invariably carry out top up once settling has ceased. Topsoil needs to be available for Handyman if this is part of his role.
7. Lime Avenue and brambles in Aucuba bushes Norse will tidy up brambles. Andy Fulcher to check with Paul Tynan whether Limes are due for pollard this coming winter.
8. Tree works including yew avenue, conifers and leaning conifer trunk, southern boundary hedge. Agreed works needed if WMPC can fund:

Prune southern boundary hedge ('new' section) on southern boundary where some plantings have grown into trees. Retain selected oak and field maple, and all specimens. Crown lift, remove low boughs on dividing conifer row where they conflict with headstone. Crown lift the Holm Oak, and shape up crown to create a cone shape. East boundary with Town Lands Trust: cut away large conifer trunk where this has moved/leaning over old metal railings into TLT field.

Norse will wish to quote for tree works.

AW can prepare schedule for quotes (include holm oak at Pightle)

9. Rabbit control, options for winter 2022/2023 No control took place over last winter/spring season. Agreed 2 treatments (as quoted previously) would be ideal early 2023.
10. Litter and wheeled bin collections Clerk has requested designated bins for green waste and rubbish. Currently the two green and one brown bin get used for all waste.
11. Grass cutting all in hand nothing to note

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12. 'Older' Garden of Remembrance Seat repairs, sand and treat needed. Could this be carried out by either Richard Ellis or Men's Shed group? Volunteers to do some more pruning on neighbouring conifers.
13. 'Newer' Garden of Remembrance Box hedge: feed and mulch needed. Can WMPC deliver products?
14. Contract renewal and content: Request that paddock cutting, and rabbit control be added in. Update Clerk has produced document for discussion.
15. Bier House Waterbutts have been sorted at recent work party.
16. Volunteer work parties aiming for 2/3 hours on fourth Thursday each month to establish a regular group, sometimes doing other works in village (in addition to weekend work parties). Next date planned Thursday 27th 10.00am.
17. Works: Bag up last mulch to clear bunker for new chippings DONE
 - Mulch trees and new hedges
 - Litter /wreath / debris collection
 - Small pruning jobs
 - Remove elder where invading the yews/graves
 - Remove plastic and cut around new plantings
 - Plant new trees/ assist with memorial plantings (for husband of Mrs R)
 - Replace tree in memory of Ann Seward
 - Plant bulbs
 - Clear snowdrop area of deposited clay grave arisings

A Westover
19th August 2022

Notes 9th October 2022