MINUTES OF TREGONY WITH CUBY PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, 26th JUNE 2023

Minute No. The committee met at Tregony New Cemetery. Action 16/23CM **PRESENT** were Cllrs Matthews (Chair), Ashley, Floyd Norris and Lytham Clerk – Mrs M Symons 17/23CM **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Harris 18/23CM **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 27th March 2023 had been circulated previously. Resolved that the minutes were adopted as a true record-proposed Cllr Ashley, seconded Cllr Floyd Norris MATTERS ARISING from Inspection of Cemeteries The gate at the bottom entrance of the Old Cemetery needs attention. Cllr Lytham volunteered 19/23CM to take off and clean. 20/23CM Notice at the entrance to the Old Cemetery from the Churchyard needs re-instating to warn of dangers from uneven surfaces, sunken graves and hidden objects. Due to the dangers should access be discouraged/ stoppe? MATTERS ARISING from minutes 15/23 - 'NO DOGS' signs to be erected 21/23CM **CEMETERY ACTIVITY** 22/23CM Since the last meeting there have been: 1 new burial. 1 ashes interned 2 headstones erected. CEMETERY GENERAL MAINTENANCE 23/23CM Old Cemetery – Discussion started about how to plan for the future and what to achieve – possibilities as a Community Space- a possible designated wildlife area in the village. Hurdles are that the area cannot be officially closed until 100 years after the last 'activity' (burial / internment); making safe for general access will be a large investment, and due to the nature of the area, sensitivities involved, will need to involve careful consultation and public involvement. A first step could be to 'cut out' a path through the middle of the Old Cemetery to keep walkers safer. Contact Chris Davidson about walking the area and discuss with him. Possibly also fence-off the top area of the cemetery for safety. 24/23 The Old Cemetery boundary wall against pavement up from Fore Street needs major attention / clearing – C Davidson. HAWKINS MEADOW 25/23CM Drainage in the area is much better since the work done previously, and is suitable for its current use. It will need to be fully assessed and planned when the area goes online as the new cemetery extension on completion of existing garden. GRAVE MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY Work to fill some sinking graves wasn't able to go ahead in the Autumn. David Dingle – 26/23CM Sexton -has been approached to take on this work, supervised by Cllr Matthews, to carry out this work. This will make graves safe - and hopefully identify other issues like moving/putting up headstones, which can be rectified. Volunteers sought – date to be agreed late August/ September.

Grave / headstone tidy session – agreed to meet next week – Wed.6th July evening to clean and

weed where necessary.

NEW CREMATION AREA IN CEMETERY

The new area has been marked out and first ashes have been laid – first stone and headstone booked to be put up shortly. The rules for Stonemasons have been updated to include the new area – rules are sent to each enquiry to ensure rules are adhered to.

28/23CM CORRESPONDENCE

2 permission requests received for erection of headstones.

29/23CM OTHER CEMETERY BUSINESS

1. Evening to weed/clean graves set – Wed 6 July 6.30pm

NEXT MEETING

September 2023 – *meeting at Cemetery or Church Hall – weather dependent* Clerk to contact members .