

**Saltash Town Council**

**The Meeting of The Joint Burial Board**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

9/23/24 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE P.C.C REGISTERING THE CHURCHYARD AS CLOSED AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.**

Reverend Magrath spoke of conversations held with the Diocese solicitors and the Archdeacon of Bodmin.

P.C.C remain hesitant to close the churchyard for numerous reasons one of which is they are exploring the possibility to reuse land for new graves, should it be permitted, and if the churchyard were to be closed this would cease to be an option for consideration in the future.

Members discussed the cost and staffing impact to the Town Council by continuing to maintain the open sections of Churchyard.

Members debated the pros and cons of open and closed sections of the Churchyard and review of the current cutting schedule is necessary.

Members discussed the two areas highlighted on the map contained in the circulated reports pack, the red section labelled OSC and yellow section LC.

Members requested P.C.C to further review the position on closing the OSC section of the Churchyard due to there being no available plots. Members discussed the need for the yellow section to remain open as there are currently 10 available cremation plots.

It was proposed by Councillor Bickford, seconded by Councillor Bullock and **RESOLVED** that Rev Magrath together with the P.C.C review the decision to register the OSC section of the Churchyard as closed reporting back at the next Joint Burial Board meeting to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.