

To receive a report from the Service Delivery Department and consider any actions and associated expenditure

1. Old Ashes Plots

This can be difficult to work with at times. We know there is work required to make this location easier to manage and maintain. One thought would be to have wildflowers in the center with a gravel border for the planters and flowers to stand. Once planted the central area will only need cutting twice a year to make the area easy to manage. There are some tree branches that will need cutting back for safety reasons.

Budget code 6104 General site maintenance. Available Balance £1,399

PCC Members are asked to consider the proposal to assist with the maintenance.

Town Council Members are asked to consider purchasing the following items to create a wildflower area keeping the maintenance to a minimum:

Gravel bags at £5 per bag. We estimate 16 bags £80.

Wildflower seed at £35

Total cost £115.



2. Moss control to pathways

We are working towards clearing as much moss as possible from the pathways around the Churchyard. This will be done using the Kirsten machine as we are not using any weed/moss chemicals. Some of the paths will be done by hand. This has grown over the last year with the long spell of bad weather and will become an issue if not controlled soon. The work carried out will not completely remove all the moss, however it will be a big improvement.

[Members are asked to note the update.](#)

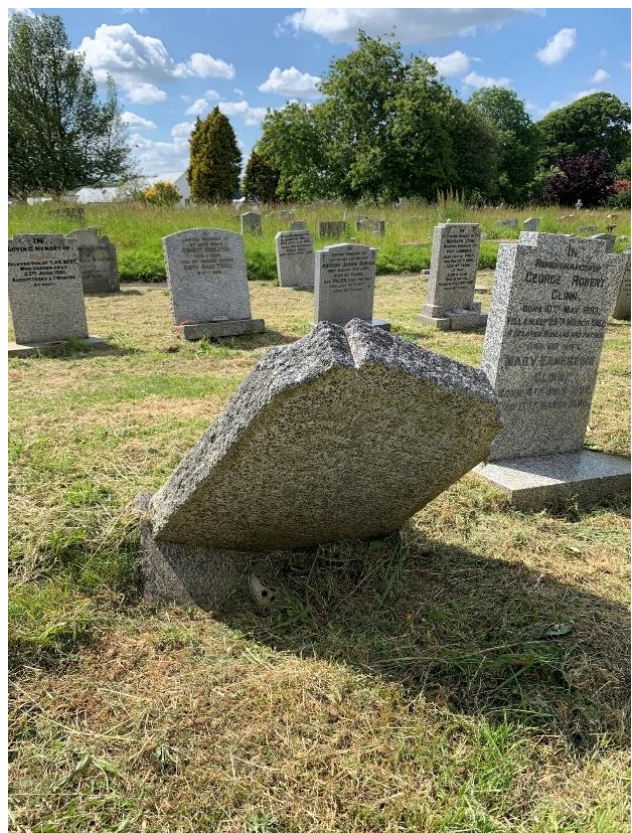
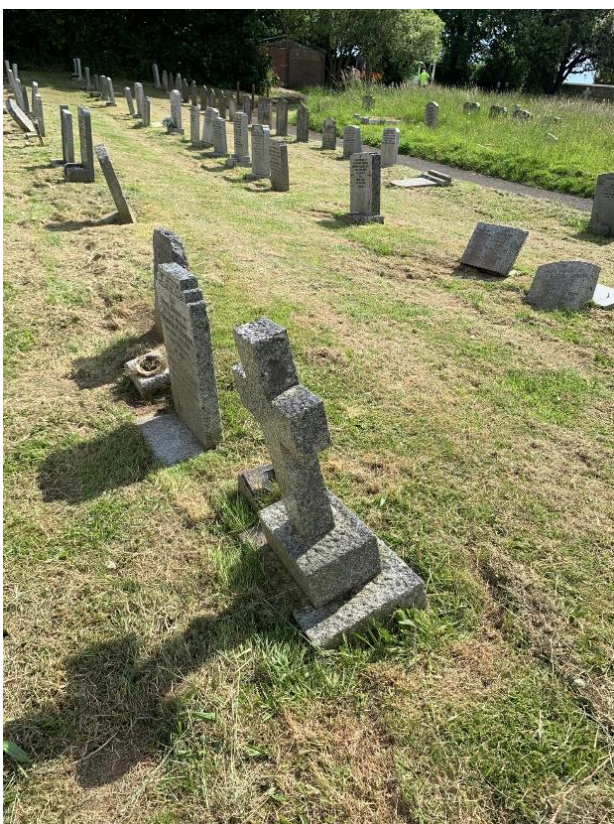
3. Headstone Survey

We are currently working on the headstone health and safety check to be completed over the next month. This has its challenges with weather and the sheer number of headstones to check. Once the survey has been completed a report will be put together listing any that required repair, replacement or work to make them safe.

Dangerous headstones will be gently laid down or marked to avoid any accidents. We know this may be a sensitive subject to the public, however it will be necessary if we feel the headstone is a danger to the public.

The report will be sent directly to St Stephens Church and a copy provided at a future Joint Burial Board meeting.

The Church can then notify the families to consider the work required.



[Members are asked to note the update.](#)

4. No Mow May & Wilding areas

We carried out a trial this year with the No Mow May. We cut several crisscross pathways through the older sections of the Churchyard while leaving the main sections of grass to grow. This was mostly effective as it saved some time cutting the grass, however it also has its challenges once May has finished. Dealing with very long grass after May takes a lot of time to bring it back to a reasonable level.

The LC and LCA areas were cut during May as they are attended by the public on a regular basis.

We would like to add some designated permanent wild green areas around the churchyard with Wilding area signs showing the public why the area has not been cut. This will be a great way of enhancing our green nature areas in line with the Town Council business plan.

PCC Members are asked to consider locations and seek permission to create green spaces around the Churchyard. There will be no initial cost to start this project.

5. Churchyard Double Gate.

The condition of the double side entrance gate to the Churchyard needs repairing and could be a H&S hazard to the public. This can be seen during the site visit on the 25 June.

We can provide a quote if required to fit and replace the double gate with a similar style.

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Town Council Members are asked to consider the replacement at the cost to the Town Council.

End of Report.

Service Delivery Manager.