

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 5th March 2022

Title: Burial Space request

Purpose of Report

For members to consider a letter received asking for Ilminster Town Council to buy back a burial space which is no longer required.

Recommendation:

Members resolve to approve the purchase back of the burial space at £197.40 the original purchase price.

Report:

1. Ilminster Town Council have received a letter from a former resident, asking if we would like to purchase back a burial space within the Section S space 11 of the New Road, Cemetery, which is no longer required.
2. In many instances a right to use a plot has been consigned to one or more people, this is called the "Exclusive Right of Burial". As a result of this a legal certificate is issued allowing the rightful burial of their body or ashes to take place in that particular grave.
3. Ilminster Town Council office staff have seen and have a copy of the Exclusive Right of Burial. Affirmation that the letter received is from the owner of the plot and that all prior paperwork relating to the original purchase is in place.
4. The fees charged when originally purchased were £197.40, which the former resident had confirmed in their letter. The current fee for purchasing the plot is £209.00. There should not be a profit made on purchasing a plot and then selling it back to the council.
5. There is a shortage of space currently in Ilminster Cemetery as a result of which members may consider buying back the plot at the original cost.

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Administration Officer
March 2022