Cemetery Report for August 2022

The tarmac work on the driveway has been completed

Cllr Christensen has undertaken some minor tree works on a damaged oak on the right hand banking, the Cemetery Officer is most grateful as no costs were incurred.

Following the annual health and safety inspection of Memorials undertaken by Cllr Christensen and volunteer D Brockbank it was found that 11 headstones failed the checks and are deemed to be unsafe. Four of the headstones have been temporarily laid down including a large cross which Parkin and Jackson lowered to the ground on our behalf.

Two quotes have been sought to make the headstones safe, the memorials will be fixed to British Standard 8415 in order to prove to insurance companies that Council is taking all reasonable steps to ensure public safety within the burial ground. The quotes will be brought to the August meeting for Council to consider.

Groundwork quotes have been sought to include the lifting and levelling of graves and will be brought to the August meeting for Council to consider.

The ICCM are holding two day Cemetery Management and Compliance courses in November, there is a choice of two dates - Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd of November or Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th of November. The booking form is on their website, cost for ICCM members is £135.00 plus vat.

This course would be beneficial for the newly appointed Clerk, places are soon filled so there needs to be a provisional booking made as soon as possible.

Council to consider making a booking.

Brenda Brockbank Cemetery Officer