

Cemetery report 21st April 2022

As reported last year, the boundary dwarf privet hedge round the Memorial Garden needs attention; some replacement hedging has been promised, but needs to be planted. The retaining wall at the side of the brook (cemetery side) was inspected by a consultant engineer who recommended replacing the capping stones on top. The suggested repairs are in hand.

Tree damage occurred during the winter and early spring gales, and quotes have been received to remove the fallen branches and trees; while awaiting removal, the fallen timber has been trimmed to reduce the likelihood of damage to the gravestones on which they were resting. The grass cutting within the cemetery was again excellent last year; the first cut has now taken place (apart from underneath the foliage cut off the fallen trees), and all seems well.

There is an agreement in place between the Parish Council and the owners of the Dole Field, to acquire a strip of land adjacent to the cemetery for a cemetery extension; as the additional land will not be required for a number of years, a supplementary agreement has been put in place for grazing rights.

Fees for plots, etc remain unchanged, and the revenue last year was £851 - mainly arising from interment fees and approval of memorials. 7 plots were purchased, and two released.