

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the FOTDC committee

Date 5th January 2017

Attending- Robert Wall, Jenny Wall, Dominic McDonald, Lynn Drewett.

Apologies Robert Colbourne

All approved the constitution with RC voting by email

Treasurer report

DM has been approaching banks to find a suitable account. Lloyd's seemed to be more difficult and Santander had a treasurer account that was discussed. The main plus for this account is no fees and all that is required is details of the constitution, minutes of the meeting showing approval of opening a bank account, and the aims of the group. Although account only requires one signature, DM suggested two. It was agreed that Santander seemed the best option and to advise bank of 3 signatures. DM,LD,RC it was approved by the meeting to open a bank account with RC voting by email DM will now look to putting this into place

Membership Report

RC confirmed to date there are 18members and 1 corporate member. CS Bower (stone mason) they have advised that they can come for free to discuss headstones, which maybe useful in the future. RC has contacted all funeral directors in Trowbridge, and heard so far from the Coop, they may wish to join as a corporate member or sponsor the group, discussion to be made with there head office in due course. If they sponsor us, we could offer them a dedicated page on our website. RW has printed leaflets and will deliver locally. LD offered her assistance.

Chairman Report

RW has confirmed that the Parks department is in charge and the councils contact will be attending the meeting on the 23rd January.

The initial idea for the paupers grave becoming a wildlife meadow has been received well, but questions have been raised about what type of flowers etc. questions to ask would we be able to install bird and bat boxes, which we may be able invite local schools to participate.

LD mentioned she has an acquaintance who manages the town park, he maybe able to advise on planting and anything else he could input would be helpful.

With regards to the Chapel RW questioned who has the contract, it appears that the ground maintenance company is in charge. RW queried with council, who is checking on the situation. We have no idea of the state of the inside, but if the contractors are using it when we are at the cemetery we can check. We could fundraiser to move there machinery to a container, so that we could use the chapel in the future.

We could then maybe to talk alongside the civic society on specific dates, guided walks, war cemetery history, all for future thoughts when the project has got started.

Gardening

1st date is 12th Jan 2017. Council will come on that day to show us where we can place the rubbish, depending on how many people that turn up to work we could start on a couple of graves areas or possible look at the ivy on the front wall.

23rd Jan 2017 meeting

RW to do PowerPoint showing maps, aims, committee, jobs to be started and long term projects and also ask for suggestions from the members JW to bring coffee , milk and biscuits. LD to bring tea and biscuits. DM to bring fruit tea and biscuits.

Next meeting to be scheduled after the meeting of the 23rd January

RW thanked everybody for coming and closed the meeting