



Friends of the Down Cemetery

Minutes of the third meeting of the FOTDC

Date 11th August 2017

Attending Robert Wall, Dominic Mc Donald, Lynn Drewett

Apologies Robert Colebourne

The minutes of the previous meeting was agreed unanimously

Membership Report

One additional member may be interested from the hub leaflet

Treasures report

Current balance £600.85 in £500 from Trowbridge in Bloom

Need ladies Rigger gloves.

Online banking is being applied for so that we can pay expenses through BACS.

Petty cash tin Require.

Chairman's report

Drone

RC talked to camera club to ask about a Drone Photographer. Gentleman contacted us who is a commercial drone photographer.

RW met him at the cemetery and he is CAA approved and is insured, he is very interested in helping with our project , with a overview shot, also a 365 degree image that will be able to zoom in on, this project will take several years. We will be able to use all photos and video on our web site and will be able to share with West wilts video club as long as he can put on his web site.

We will need to provide volunteers when he is flying drone as spotters.

We have asked Wiltshire CC for permission

Wildflower Meadow

Asked Trowbridge in Bloom for £426 and received £500. We will have several 2m squared areas to try out different types of wild flower meadow, to include just leave, dig over and see what grow, and different seed mixes. We will need to fence off these areas, this is causing problem with Council. DM said about taping off areas using the trees. RW will lease with WCC to get

permission. Will need to do prep work in winter ready for spring planting. Also have money for planting up some graves with pollinating species on the graves. 10 x9cm pots of a variety of British spices would total £150 (included in budget from Trowbridge in Bloom)

We will need to reap this area once a year. RW suggest getting schools interested and maybe bee keepers.

Heritage open day

JW & RW to be at the cemetery all day. Ask Gynn Bridges how to get permission?

Will give guided walks if people turn up. JH does all the advertising

LD suggested opening Roger Browns mausoleum, but not very interesting inside, the chapel would be better.

Chapel Update

RW still on this

Petition – is it worth it we agreed that this should not happen yet

Surely there must be a heritage officer who could take a look inside and comment on the state of the chapel

A.O.B

Jobs that are coming up soon to be circulated to members, including how to clear graves (guidelines will help confidence of members) , record of mausoleums, bird feeding, transcriptions, typing of records and research. RW to inform members

DM to ask at college if somebody could help with computer database to keep all information on

RW thanked everybody for coming and the meeting was closed