

ALMONDSBURY JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

14th November 2024
11.00 am

Almondsbury Parish Council Office

MINUTES

PRESENT

Councillors - Mr R Clayton, Mr K Dando, Mrs M Stooke and Mr R Loveridge.

APOLOGIES

Councillors – Mrs J James

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor - Mr K Burchell and Mrs E Martin

PART 1: PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Resolved: Apologies were received from Councillors – Mrs J James

Not in Attendance – Cllr Mr K Burchell and Cllr E Martin.

2. DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved: None received.

3 MINUTES

Resolved: The Committee confirmed as a correct record the following

Minutes for 12th September 2024 and the Extraordinary Meeting on

24th September 2024.

4 CURRENT/TOPICAL ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO THE MEETING FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE AJBC AT THIS MEETING

Resolved: Future dates re AJBC meetings confirmed as follows –

13th March 2025

12th June 2025

11th September 2025

13th November 2025

12th March 2026

5 CEMETERY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Item 5a. Security review at Almondsbury Cemetery.

Resolved: Noted; with change of service provider from Imperial Fire and Security to Omega Fire and Security, following a
more
viable quote with improved options for enhancing security in conjunction with the requirements of the cemetery and staff.

Item 5b. Interments at Almondsbury Cemetery from 31st August

2024 to 31st October 2024.

Resolved: Noted

6 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Item 6a. In consideration of the AJBC Budget.

Resolved: Noted; with appropriate discussions relating to economic climate and increasing costs affecting the cemetery, for example utility charges, additional part-time assistant gardener and future potential outlay (reference Item 7a) prior to determining items 6b and 6c.

Item 6b. AJBC Budget/Finance Control for the Consideration of the Financial Contribution from both Almondsbury Parish Council and Patchway Town Council for the period 2025/26.

Resolved: A financial contribution will be requested for **£4500.00** an increase of **£500.00** from 2025/26.

The rate of inflation (RPI - Retail Price Index at 3.1%) plus 1% was applied = £164.00 and an additional sum of £336.00 was added.

This equated to a 12.5% increase, yet £174.93 less than the request in 2024/25.

Item 6c. AJBC Budget/Finance Control for Cemetery Fees for 2025/26.

Resolved: 'In' Parish cemetery fees for Cremated Remains Graves

and Interment fees – no percentage increase and will remain the

same at 2024/25 fees. 'In' Parish fees Burial graves and Interments

will be increased by 3%. 'Out' of Parish cemetery fees will rise by 6%

for Cremated Remains and Burial Graves and associated interment

fees. Memorial Fees will be increased by 3% 'In' Parish and 6% 'Out'

of Parish.

Item 6d. AJBC Lloyds Bank account changing to a Community

Account.

Resolved: Noted; in conjunction with new associated fees.