

Meeting of Skirlaugh & Ellerby Joint Burial Committee held on 23rd October 2024

Present: Cllr. Johnston (in the chair), Cllr. Navier (Skirlaugh), Rial (Ellerby).

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. McDonald, Harrison, Howell.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2024, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and approved. There were no matters arising.

2. Burials

One interment of cremated remains due (McBain) in a double plot.

3. Allotments

Complaint received about shrub in neighbouring property being cut back by one of the tenants. A tenant has pointed out that a tree is overhanging his shed which has caused some damage; there is a broken branch which may fall. Also the new trees in the wildlife area over overgrowing the path to the allotments and need trimming back. Cllr. Johnston will look at these. The tree contractor will be asked to attend to these issues if necessary.

Business Stream has reported that the water meter is not recording any usage. They will check whether it is faulty. There will be a charge of £100 if found to be not faulty.

4. Burial Ground Maintenance

(a) A tree survey has been carried out in the churchyard and burial ground. A tree overhanging the cremated remains memorials has a broken branch. This and other dead wood has been removed by a contractor.

(b) Cllr. Johnston suggested the path from the PRow through the churchyard could be regravelled and a type of matting laid on the path through the new burial ground.

5. Sanctioning of Paid Accounts

Receipts:

Burials	225.00
Share of waste bin rental	41.79

Expenses:

Scottish Water	15.06
Clerk expenses	17.20
Tony Cook, Grass cutting May-August	475.20
Tony Cook, grass cutting September	105.60

Bank balance in hand 30th September 2024 £8912.47

- **Resolved** that payment of these accounts is approved.

The application to Virgin Bank has been accepted and is ongoing.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Prior to Skirlaugh parish council meeting 29th January 2025 at 7.00 pm in Skirlaugh Village Hall.