

Agenda Item 14, Cemetery Shed and Landscaping

Action Required: For the Cemetery & Town Hall Committee to:

- i) consider the quotation received for a Ground Penetrating Survey (to be undertaken by an external contractor) of the ex-soil spill area of the (old) cemetery;
- ii) agree the way forward with the ex-soil spill area of the cemetery.

1. Introduction

At its meeting on 4th November 2021, the Cemetery & Town Hall Committee considered an update report with regard to the removal of the cemetery shed and associated landscaping of the ex-soil spill area within the cemetery. Consideration was also given to ensuring that this particular part of the cemetery would be an appropriate area for future rejuvenation (e.g. Landscaping/Garden of Remembrance/seating/pergola) and it was:

RESOLVED: Following consideration of an update report regarding the Cemetery project: Removal of Shed and Associated Landscaping:

A conversation to be started with the Archaeology Department of the University of Exeter with a view to arranging for contact to be made with the Town Council regarding the possibility of undertaking a ground penetrating survey.

Note:

i) It was agreed this would be useful particularly for students who would benefit from this project i.e. training under supervision of a responsible and appropriately qualified individual);

ii) Should the University be unable to assist with a survey, this project should be explored via a more formal route i.e. with a suitably qualified contractor

2. Current Position

As resolved, contact was made with the Archaeology Department of the University of Exeter who advised that unfortunately it could not help with this project currently due to time constraints and other work being undertaken, however it could provide details of a local company that may be able to assist.

Following contact with said company, we were referred to a further company and have now managed to secure a quotation to undertake the required Ground Penetrating Survey (GPS) at a cost of £485.00 (+ VAT).

Action Required: Please could the Cemetery & Town Hall Committee consider this quotation (Supporting Paper Q – confidential for Committee Members only) and agree the way forward.