

HALLS, CEMETERIES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Date: 8th March 2021
Title: Cemeteries Update
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Background

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of improvements and repairs since the last meeting.

St Mary's Church Yard

Repairs to the two entrance Pillars replacement of the steel Arch and repairs to the front wall are scheduled to start on Wednesday 3rd March.

St Mary's and Holy Trinity Church Yard – stability testing

All information regarding the faculty to carry out the Stability testing of tombs and memorials within St Mary's and Holy Trinity church yards has now been provided to the Diocese of Oxford it is hoped the faculty to carry out these works will be provided in the near future.

Cemeteries Rules and Regulations

Due to time constraints the Operations and Estates Officer & Cemeteries Officer have still to adjust these with the changed regulations agreed by council. Also the Cemeteries Leaflet has still to be adjusted as requested by council.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability. Consideration should be given to the Cemetery Access Risk Assessment in making a decision regarding the new access.

Financial implications

Works will be covered within existing budgets.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note this report.