

Brief summary of comments/ideas from community consultation on extension of graveyard.

- Not clear enough, maybe a map/plan
- How many spaces left ?
- What are current charges, how much might they be ?
- Why is the Church / PCC opposing the extension ?
- Scattering ashes could leave residue on ground ?
- Traditional burials now becoming old-fashioned.
- Any Trust could collapse in a number of years leaving it to Church to take over
- Church may have constraints imposed by the Diocese
- Dismay that burial plot could not be guaranteed in the future
- Maybe consider natural woodland to cut down on maintenance
- Concerns on costs
- Creation of a Memory Garden/Community space with minimum maintenance needed
- PCC and Parish Council should be dealing with this issue, not a separate committee
- Previous PCC decision was ill judged
- Include long term residents who have had to move away for future burials
- In the 21st century we are being encouraged to move away from burials
- PCC decision should be accepted and respected
- The graveyard is already large, should encourage use of the garden of Remembrance
- General agreement to extend, but would like to know costs
- Times have changed, should encourage creation of Garden of Remembrance/quiet space
- Concerns for future costs and only available for wealthy
- Several comments supporting the fact that something is being done, and communicated
- Peoples "requests" on burial noted in their wills
- Several comments from older residents saying that due to age they are unable to help
- Is the Ecclesiastical Parish including Winkle or Bosley ?
- Increased communication / information to other groups, not just Church affiliated.
- Church should be taking the costs
- Support for a "remembrance project" only
- Consider other funding like grants or LA loans, lottery? Residents need somewhere to visit their deceased loved ones.
- Wildlife from current areas has increased and should not be affected
- Remembrance garden should not be taken in isolation, as graveyard extension within Green Belt comes under one of the exceptions to develop.
- Funding ? Also any space would eventually be used up, maybe increase the memorial space to have more time ?
- More local involvement, drop in/coffee morning ? Just to meet and greet and discuss
- Who is the JWP ? Consider moving car park ?
- Access to field 2 is an issue, Judy Lane narrow. Needs more information on costs.
- Land is scarce, cannot support more graveyards.
- Will the proposed boundaries effect Lyme Green residents ? (Still awaiting official confirmation, but latest opinion is that the boundaries will not change)
- Wild garden/ place to scatter ashes a good idea
- Local residents should have a right to be buried in St James churchyard, many lived in Parish for long number of years
- Are there any other local areas/field that could be considered

- Should be for local residents only, if current maintenance is high, extending will only increase this cost.
- Important to be buried in local parish
- Finance issues, what will happen to field 1 & 2 if not used ? is there any contribution available from the church ?
- Look at funding from Parish council tax (separate increase needed) so that all local residents pay a small part (would only work if burials limited to local parish)
- Church is rich enough and should be able to cover costs
- Field 1 has issues with burials as ground survey in 2006 pointed out, look at survey Field 2
- Fields should be used for the purpose they were purchased for. A solution needs to be found. Look at alternative fundraising ? Could the "gift day" be repeated, or funds raised over the weekend of Queens Jubilee ? Many people also finding living costs high.
- Cremation and ashes interned uses a much smaller plot. How many burials could any extension hold ?
- General opinion that burials are no longer an option, space is limited nationally. Would not support any building on the fields.
- The village/parish should have been considered years ago. More local involvement from vicar/church needed.
- More information on Parish activities needed, and communicated
- Some local residents have alternative arrangements already in place
- Some local residents are elderly, or moved in recently, not sure on financial aspects.
- Could purchase of a grave plot for future use be accommodated ?
- Graveyard is already tranquil and peaceful. Keep any costs to a minimum.
- Current responsibilities lay with PCC and Parish Council, and they have a role to play.
- Are there any plots still on the older existing graveyard ?
- Share existing information. How many plots still available ?, issues with access to Field 2. Is more expenditure worthwhile as a declining requirement for burials, whereas more and more cremations are taking place. How many people want to be buried, do they prefer cremation?
- General query on fees, and what proportion could go towards future maintenance.
- This consultation was the first indication of the issue. Use of sheep for grazing ?
- General acceptance that burial space is a national issue. A flat easy access memorial garden is a better idea (and might mean climbing the hill to the church not needed ?)
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