

REPORT ON IDE CEMETERY AFTER INSPECTION by Sarah Tiley and Mel Liversage on Thursday 27 August 2020

The cemetery was generally tidy and the grass had been recently cut. The most noticeable problem was the state of the second set of steps on the lefthand side when entering from the Station Road gate. The sleepers at the edge of three steps were rotted away and we considered them to be dangerous. These are no longer on the path, but to the side of the path. The handrail is insecure and also needs replacing. Sarah undertook to obtain 3 estimates for the replacement of these items. There are a few sunken graves, and we noted these and will recheck next time to see if there is any further sinking.

The income for the cemetery is intermittent for obvious reasons. Over the last three years the income has been Y/E March 2018 – £3871; 2019 – £1636; £2020 - £1050

The expenditure for cutting the grass and weed control along with the water rates is fairly consistent about £1400 per annum. Repair costs have been 2018 - £139 new gate; 2019 - £1900 lower path edging; 2020 – new standpipe/tap £185.

There has not been a rise in the cost of interments since 2018. Sarah and I looked at the charges made by Exminster PC, East Devon crematorium and Exeter crematorium for comparison and have based our recommendations for the new scale of charges on these. (see attached).

We should also like to purchase some grave markers, to mark where graves have been purchased but not taken up as yet. And to mark plots for the gravedigger and stonemasons, perhaps 15 at a cost of £25.00

Estimates of costs of replacement sleeper edges and handrails will follow.