

7d. Churchyard Report

Matters arising from the meeting of the parish council held on 10-July-2024, minute 640:

Cllr Mills provided an update to the parishioner who raised points in the public forum immediately following the meeting. There had been no reply.

Yew Tree close to main church entrance

Eastwood Trees has provided a quotation to 'prune' the yew tree at a cost of £120. It is recommended that this is accepted and the work commissioned under advice to the PCC.

Dead Tree

The tree 'pronounced dead' in a report to councillors is very much alive, but the upper areas were dead and have been removed to avoid them posing a future health and safety risk

Tomb

The table tomb between the main church entrance and the road is deemed safe following the removal of the side that was loose, but weathering at the exposed end may not keep it that way. Although upkeep of monuments falls outside the council's remit, health and safety of them is its responsibility. Consequently, the parish council will approach monument masons alongside the PCC to determine the cost of restitution/making safe, after which a joint decision will be taken to determine where any cost should fall.

Churchyard wall

L A Hurrell, which attended to repairing the wall previously are unable to undertake work this time, due to other commitments. They have recommended R and J Hogg of Coney Weston or F A Valiant of Barrow. Both will be approached to ascertain what they would recommend and to quote for the work.

Grass cut

With the majority of seeding now over, Richard Hartley will cut the churchyard in the next few days. The silage will be spread at the burial ground and at The Coddendam Centre, to increase biodiversity at both sites.

Cllr Mills