



## ACE Committee Meeting

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Agenda item: ACE005 i – To discuss the proposal received for the improvement of the well seating area located in the Newbury Meadow section of the cemetery**

### 1. Introduction

We have received a proposal from a family, whose daughter recently died. Her ashes are due to go into Newbury Meadow and they are having a bench placed on the other side of the well. Before the bench is placed, they have offered to improve and complete the seating area around the well. (Ref picture below)

The hope is to enhance this area and offer a peaceful and calm place to sit and reflect for anyone who wishes to do so.



### 2. Proposal

The family has proposed the following improvements:

- To have a thick plastic liner laid on top of the soil around the well to be covered with wood chippings or a flat surface more appropriate.
- To display a large ceramic pot or stone bird bath in the centre on top of the well as a central feature.
- To display two benches providing a calm seating area in this section

The work proposed will be carried out by a professional builder and completed as soon as they receive the go ahead from the Parish Council.

The family have offered to complete these improvements free of charge to the Parish Council.

### 2. Recommendations

Whilst this is a generous offer, and we are in favour of these improvements to be made, and we would ideally prefer to have a hard paved surface (i.e. slabs or bricks) instead of wood chippings.

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