

1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Member of the Claybrooke Joint Burial Board



**Claybrooke Parish Council**

Dear Members/Clerk,

**Claybrooke Parva Cemetery**

A number of concerned residents attended the recent Claybrooke Magna Parish Council meeting to express their distress and anger over the procedures/lack of communication over the laying down of a number of gravestones at the cemetery. The Parish Council understands that the Joint Burial board is a separate entity to the Parish Council and, therefore, has no jurisdiction over it but the feeling at the meeting was so strong it was agreed that the following questions would be put to yourselves on their behalf.

1. The Parish Council understands that the laying down of the gravestones was due the requirement of undertaking a risk assessment, but a question was raised as to who undertook the risk assessment and if the risk assessments could be viewed.
2. The residents have a copy of the “Managing of Safety of Burial Ground Memorials” and want assurances that the procedure was followed.
3. The residents are very distressed at the lack of communication concerning the laying down, although acknowledged that a notice was put up the day after, and would require an apology for the distress caused.
4. The residents would like to know which other gravestones will be laid down as it is understood others have been marked for this. Also, if relatives could be told before this happens and the actual gravestones be tagged so it is easy to identify them.
5. The headstones need to be re-instated and residents would like to know the procedure for this.

Many thanks for your attention on this matter. I would be grateful if any reply could be sent to myself and I will then pass it on to the Parish Councillors and interested parties.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Mr G Hart (Interim Chairman), Mr S Smith, Mrs J Butcher, Mr N Repton (Clerk)