Agenda Item 14 - Cemetery Extension

At the July meeting the working group were asked to meet, consider and report back to Council with their proposals on the following:

- 1. The area to be designated for the scattering of ashes;
- 2. The number and type of trees to be planted;
- 3. The location and size of the wildflower area;
- 4. The location and type of memorial posts.

The proposals are as follows:

- 1. The area designated for the scattering of ashes to be located in the top right-hand area of the extension (facing upwards from the gate). It is suggested that a hedge is planted to screen the spoil with access for the grave digger to deposit the spoil, at either end. The trees to be planted in front of the hedge. Bark to be laid between the trees and hedge. Two memorial posts to be places either end of the new planting. Area to come out approximately 48 ft (4 post lengths) on either side and laid out in a semi-circle.
- 2. 3 or 4 trees to be planted. Trees that will not grow too tall or spread too far are suggested. Examples that might suit from the survey are rowan, which reaches an average height of 6-12 meters with a 4–6-meter spread, hazel, which grows to 6-18 meters in height with a spread of up to 8 meters or flowering trees such as crab apple or cherry, which have a height of up to 8 meters and a similar spread.
- 3. The wildflower area to be in the top left-hand corner of the extension, in a semi-circle and come out 48ft at either end (4 fence posts).
- 4. Memorial posts to be placed at either end of the trees. See attached photograph for type/design proposed.

A rough drawing of the proposed layout is attached.

Debbie Bird, Parish Clerk August 2024