

MEETING OF SHEFFORD AND CAMPTON JOINT BURIAL BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held via Zoom on Tuesday 24th March 2026 11am.

Present: Cllr Ash for Campton & Chicksands, Cllr King, Cllr Culleton, as Chair, Cllr Silver and Cllr Mackin for Shefford, Clerk for Campton and Chicksands, Tammy Medley, Admin assistant Checka Quinlan for Shefford

01/26 APOLOGIES/ DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

02/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Cllr Culleton agreed to Chair the meeting. Each Council will review representatives and once all representatives are in place a Chair will be appointed.

03/26 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING, MATTERS ARISING

The minutes from 22nd January 2026 were proposed by Cllr Silver, seconded by Culleton, all agreed.

04/26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

None

05/26 RIALTAS AND STAFFING, UPDATE AND PROPOSAL ON INPUTTING:

Both CQ and Tm would like to have the data inputting addressed for the JBB, it is something that has been ongoing for years and progress is very slow. Both have met with a consultant who would be able to assist in uploading all of the burials onto the Rialtas system, he has experience with IT and data inputting and is available from the start of April to work full time. He is looking for alternative employment so is happy to work whilst available. His rate of pay is £18.61 and his pay would be taken from the Cemetery account. He will start the inputting and then give some indication as to how long it will take. TM suggested that burial records before 1960 are kept on a spreadsheet that can be accessed if required for information but from 1960 onwards all burials would be uploaded to the Rialtas system. Proposed by Cllr Culleton, seconded by Cllr Silver, all Cllrs agreed. This will now be taken to both Full Councils for agreement prior to the contractor starting

06/26 FINANCE:

All full update of the accounts will be available at the next meeting when the finance inputting for Shefford TC is completed.

07/26 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:

Countrywide have now taken over the maintenance contract for the Cemetery in Shefford, David Granger is still contracted to maintain the Burial ground in Campton.

TM and CQ will arrange topple testing at the cemetery.

08/26 CAMPTON BURIAL GROUND:

No further update

09/26 AOB

None

09/26 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23RD June 2026, 11am via Zoom.