

Minutes of the WSAQM Business Team Meeting held 10:00 2nd July on Zoom

36/20 In attendance are Phil Parratt (convenor), Anna Mullett, Sheila Whitlock, Sheila Harvey, Martin Wall, Huw Morgan, Brian Collingridge of the Business Team. Also attending Charles Henderson, Pat Bell, Jen Bell, Margaret Stenhouse.

37/20 Membership matters.

No membership matters were brought to the Meeting.

38/20 Nominations matters

No Nominations matters were brought to the Meeting.

39/20 Spiceland and Milverton Burial Ground matters.

We discussed correspondence between members of Spiceland Meeting (and shared with us) following a recent interment at the New Burial Ground raising several concerns.

The concerns were:

The placement of existing and new burials in the “unmarked” section of the New Burial Ground.

Groundwater in the grave on the morning of the burial.

The suggestion that a professional be engaged to hold Burial Ground records and provide security over future interments.

The key remaining concern is over secure placement of future interments.

We ask Brian Collingridge to produce a map of present and future interment sites at Milverton Burial Ground.

We ask Spiceland Friends to bring to AM proposals for mapping and marking present and future interment sites in the New Burial Ground.

40/20 Local Meeting plans for reopening Meeting Houses and for restarting Meetings for Worship

Wellington

Following risk assessment and appropriate procedures Meeting for Worship will be held Sunday 5th July.

Spiceland

Spiceland Friends will hold Meeting for Worship outdoors at Spiceland Sunday 12 July. An experiment in “Blended Meeting” will be made.

A Business Meeting will be held 8 July to discern a way forward with Meeting for Worship..

Bridgwater

Enquiries have been made of Bridgwater Arts Centre for their reopening plans, with no reply.

Ilminster

Sweet Surprise is open. Outdoor Meetings are planned for up to 6 people. A Business Meeting will be held to consider Meeting at Sweet Surprise.

Taunton

Following work by Taunton Elders and by a Reopening Working Group plans are under way to reopen to hirers. The first Meeting for Worship is planned for 26 July.

Minehead

Proposals for reopening to hirers are under way, there are no plans to restart Meetings for Worship for now.

Burnham on Sea

The Community Centre is still closed. Meetings have been held virtually and will continue to be for now.

41/20 Reports

We have received a report from Anna Mullet our Quaker Life Council Representative on the April Council Meeting held on Zoom. We ask Anna to send the report for our next AM Newsletter. .

42/20 Safeguarding Policy

Margaret Stenhouse AM Safeguarding Coordinator has updated AM Safeguarding Policy and asks that it be signed by Co-Clerks. Digital signature is acceptable. We ask our Co Clerks to sign the policy and forward it to Clerks of Trustees.

43/20 Next Meetings

Our next Area Meeting will be 18 July 10:00 on Zoom

Our next Business Team meeting will be 5 October 10:00 on Zoom.

44/20 The Meeting closed at 11:40.

Philip Parratt 2nd July 2020