

Minutes of the WSAQM Business Team Meeting held 19:00 1st March 2021 on Zoom

1/21 In attendance are Phil Parratt (convenor), Anna Mullett, Dawn Hampshire, Sheila Harvey.

Prevented: Martin Wall, Huw Morgan, Brian Collingridge.

The agenda was approved.

2/21 Spiceland Burial Ground Report.

We have received and read a report prepared by Spiceland Friends in response to questions raised at Area Meeting around the burial practices at the New Burial Ground.

The report recommends AM becomes a member of the Association of Natural Burial Grounds: we agree to this and ask John Bell to complete the application for AM (with AM paying).

The report recommends changes in where interments take place in the New Burial Ground. We agree with these recommendations.

We appreciate the care, skill and effort involved in the report and we thank Spiceland Friends for their work.

The report will be discussed at the next AM.

3/21 Matters for the agenda of the next Area Meeting April 17.

Reports from Meeting for Sufferings and from Trustees can be expected.

Recent concerns circulated among Area Meetings concerning Assisted Dying.

AM has asked the Business Team to consider a Special Topic Area Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion. Phil Parratt will gather information as indicated in AM minutes and circulate a paper in advance of the next Business Team Meeting for discussion. The matter will not be on the AM agenda.

We note that Life of Meeting reports are requested from Ilminster and Taunton Meetings.

4/21 The meeting closed at 19:40. Our next Area Meeting is Saturday 10:00 April 17th on Zoom. Our next Business Team Meeting is 19:00 Tuesday 8th June on Zoom (note this is a change to the AM Calendar).

Philip Parratt 1st March 2021.