

Grant Application : Construction works to Cemetery Section 2 About the Project

Describe below not using more than 150 what you intend to do:

At its meeting in January 2016, the Parish Council accepted a proposal from Cemetery Development Services (CDS) to carry out various investigatory/developmental works in connection with the cemetery. A copy of the Parish Council report and the CDS proposal is attached for your assistance.

As part of this work, CDS will establish the extent of remaining burial space and produce a new layout and design for the cemetery. Once the Parish Council has agreed the new design, CDC will then prepare the tendering documentations for the construction and landscaping work identified.

The above work is in progress. Following an initial inspection of the site, CDS's indicative cost of the capital works is £12,000 plus Vat.

The Parish Council would like to apply for capital grant funding to carry out work required identified by CDS, the details of which cannot be specified until the above preparatory work is complete.

Explain why you are proposing to carry out the above out not using more than 150 words

A pressing issue for the Council has been to establish the remaining burial capacity as this has been the subject of speculation over a long period leading to the view that a new cemetery site may be required.

CDS have estimated that the cost of establishing a new site, from conception to burial would be between £280K and £310K. This is not an option the Parish Council can pursue. It is therefore important to optimise the burial space remaining. CDS believe at least a further 30 years of burial space could be found.

The poor appearance of the cemetery and uncertainty over space available has raised a number of concerns from residents. The new layout and design will significantly improve the environmental appearance of the cemetery making it a much pleasant experience for visiting families and friends. It will also help to improve the efficiency of annual maintenance requirements.

What are the risks to you of this work not being carried out

The cemetery may need to close much earlier than necessary. Only limited improvements could be made to the environment.