MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025 AT THE HUB (METHODIST CHAPEL), HUTTON RUDBY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MONTHLY MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Councillor Mortimer (Chairman), Councillors Barker, Bragg, Jopling, Puttick, Saxton, Simpson, Tate, Voke, and Webster.

1. **To approve apologies for absence.**

   Councillors Bury, and Puttick, and the Clerk

2. **Declarations of interest.**

   None.

3. **Meeting open to the public.**

   None present.

4. **Burial Ground extension**

   Councillor Simpson had circulated previously a note on the possible enhancement of the burial ground extension. The proposal involved the planting of trees, shrubs, the provision of seating, and cut walkways around and the through the area. Councillor Jopling raised the importance of looking after the trees during their first few years and the need to consider the cost of maintenance. Councillor Mortimer thought it might be beneficial to plant Yew trees on part of the southern boundary. Councillor Webster raised the possibility of using part of the area for sporting facilities such as a glass sided Padle Tennis court. This was felt not to be in keeping with the conservation area and the purpose of the extension area.

   Councillor Simpson agreed to come back to a latter meeting with firm proposals including costs for both initial development and longer term maintenance.

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