

# Misterton and West Stockwith Joint Burial Committee

## Safety Inspection Report July/October 2022

### Summary

#### Introduction

A Safety Inspection of all graves and memorials located at Haxey Road Cemetery, Misterton and The Old Burial Ground, located at Church Street Misterton was carried out between 14th July and 17th October 2022. A full detailed report is available in electronic format from the Parish Council Clerk.

#### Brief detail of the inspection

Each memorial is individually inspected to check for stability and excessive movement. If a headstone is found to be unstable but not imminently dangerous, the Council will notify the grave owner to rectify the situation. If a headstone is found to be unstable and imminently dangerous, then the headstone will be laid flat immediately for the safety of the general public and Council operatives. The grave owner will be notified and can then decide to leave it laying flat or repair it at their cost.

#### Weather and Ground Conditions

The summer of 2022 has been exceptionally dry and ground conditions at the time of the inspections in July were very dry and hard whilst in October it was slightly wetter but still relatively firm. Ambient air temperatures were above average for the time of year.

#### Reporting

Actions required and Comments made during the 2022 Inspection of Haxey Road Cemetery have been summarised in the table below.

PLOT	NO.	NAME	COMMENTS	ACTION
C	13	G.R.Platt	Rocking, previous repair to rear of headstone. Requires securing asap	Write to owners
E	22	Johnston	12 deg tilt, insecure. Requires attention	Write to owners
F	22	Taylor	Unsafe, laid down at 2022 inspection	Write to owners
L	6	Graville	LAID DOWN AT 2022 INSPECTION	Write to owners
O	9	Spencer	Laid down at 2022 Inspection. Headstone fractured	Write to owners
R	18	Betts	LAID DOWN AT 2022 INSPECTION	Write to owners
T	2	L Coles	HEADSTONE LOOSE ON PLINTH	Write to owners
T	11	Forrest	HEADSTONE LOOSE ON PLINTH	Write to owners
W	38	F Vout	LAID DOWN AT 2022 INSPECTION	Write to owners
Y	70	J,W.Ayto	LAID DOWN AT 2022 INSPECTION	Write to owners

There are no actions or follow ups required at the Old Burial Ground following the 2022 inspection

### **Inspectors**

Parish Councillor Peter Marsden and Parish Councillor Alan Stead carried out the inspections and compiled the reports.

### **Special Note**

This Summary Report should be read in conjunction with the full inspection report.

### **References**

M&WSJBC Safety Inspection Procedures. Issue2

M&WSJBC Risk Assessment-Method Statement for memorials. Issue 1

Ministry of Justice, Managing the safety of burial ground memorials. January 2009

M&WSJBC Cemetery and Burial Ground Plans

The Safety Inspection was carried out in accordance with the above procedures .

Alan Stead

17th October 2022