

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO : LEISURE COMMITTEE - 21st SEPTEMBER 1999

SUBJECT : MILLENNIUM MEMORIAL GARDEN AND CEMETERY EXTENSION -
OAKS ROAD, KENILWORTH

FROM : HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks Members' approval of the proposed layout of the Oaks Road Cemetery extension together with the site for the Millennium Memorial Garden, as set out in Minute 7.8.6 of the Leisure Committee on 17th March 1999.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The report identified the Council's responsibility for the disposal of the dead and the fact that the burial space in Kenilworth Cemetery is now very limited, with only about 200 burial plots left. It is important to note that the area in St Nicholas churchyard in Abbey Fields is also running out of areas for cremated remains and it is intended that any cremated remains, once that facility is full, will go to Oaks Road Cemetery.
- 2.1 The area to extend the cemetery is at present being used as allotments and the allotment holders are fully aware, as are the Town Council, of the likelihood that within the next 12 months or so, they will have to vacate the site. The lease from Warwick District Council to the Town Council expired in December 1998 and hasn't been renewed for this reason.

3. THE PROPOSAL

- 3.1 A plan will be available at the Committee, setting out the new road and path network and the area for the Memorial Garden. The detailed financial costs are as follows :

1.	Removal of the existing railings on the west side of the cemetery and any poor and dangerous trees within that fence line	£ 7,500
2.	Include a new road network	£51,000
3.	Include a new path system	£ 3,000
4.	To reshape and level the area of land	£12,000
5.	Cost of seeding and landscaping	£15,000
6.	New entrance gates	£ 5,000
	TOTAL :	£93,500

For this project we feel that the ground shaping, the infrastructure in terms of roads and paths should be carried out in the financial year 2000-2001, subject, of course, to approval, that the landscaping and finishing of works will be carried out during the season of 2002-2003, and the new entrance gates from 2003 onwards.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 Harmonisation with many of the issues set out in the Key Issues.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 That members are asked:-

- (a) to approve the above proposals and support the application for capital funding.
- (b) to approve giving the allotment holders 12 months' notice with immediate effect, and,
- (c) that your officers now consult with the Town Council, allotment holders and local residents on the layout.

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Background Papers: Previous Committee Reports

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Areas Affected : Kenilworth