

## **Parish Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Item 5 - Marsh Lane Burial Ground Latest Update**

#### a) Contaminated Land

Back in September Ensafé Ltd were commissioned to prepare a specification for the removal of contaminated soil and then circulate to three potential contractors. A date of the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was agreed for the return of tenders.

As nothing had been heard from Ensafé Ltd following the return date I tried to contact them but got no response from calls or emails even the Head Office. It was only after emailing the Head Office that I found out that Ensafé Ltd had gone into administration in mid-October.

I have emailed one of the potential contractors who I had met on site to ask if he submitted a tender but there has been no reply from them.

Cemetery Development Services have given me two other possible contractors, so we are no further forward and now must start the process again.

The original contractor is still an option.

#### b) Florence Nightingale Hospice (FNH)

Back in the summer the clerk and previous chairman met with Florence Nightingale Hospice to discuss their search for a memorial garden with the burial ground being a potential option.

As nothing had been heard since then I contacted FNH. Last week Cllr Wood and I met with FNH to see if they had found a site, they hadn't. As there are few possible sites in Aylesbury they are still interested in Marsh Lane, due to its location.

FNH are looking to create a small, landscaped garden with seating, with a central memorial in the form of a sculptured tree where relatives / friends can leave messages.

FNH would be responsible for the construction and the ongoing maintenance of the area. They have volunteer gardeners, which potentially could be used by the parish council.

The Marsh Lane site could easily accommodate a garden of the size required without affecting the use by the parish council. The garden would be available for all visitors to the burial ground.

#### Motion for consideration

That the Marsh Lane Burial Ground working group be given delegated authority to have further discussions with FNH for the provision of a memorial garden.