

Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 31 October 2018 16:52
To: 'Fraser Dawbarns'
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

Unfortunately the Council agenda was too congested to allow sufficient time to do the subject matter justice at the Council meeting on 29th October, as the meeting exceeded three hours. It has therefore been re-scheduled and placed higher up the agenda for the Town Council meeting on 14th November. I do apologise, but there was a number of items that took far longer to debate than expected. I will therefore be back in touch by the 16th November at the latest.

It would be helpful for the Council to know if the family would consider the matter of a commemorative seat, if indeed we are in an impasse with [REDACTED]. If so, I could arrange to meet with family members on site to agree a suitable location. It is appreciated that this is not the outcome that the family would like.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk



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From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 19 October 2018 13:31
To: Fraser Dawbarns <bevchase@fraserdawbarns.com>
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I acknowledge your letter received on behalf of your client. I will need to take further instruction from the Town Council before I give you a full response on this issue. I have met personally with [REDACTED], who has been a difficult person to communicate with. The Town Council would be receptive for [REDACTED] to organise a commemorative seat within the Cemetery, but at present it does seem that the Council is unable to force [REDACTED] to act in his position as the Exclusive Rights of Burial holder, in respect of the headstone that the family desires.

I have a Council meeting a week on Monday, so I will give you a full report of the actions taken by the Council to date after the meeting on 29th October.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk



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Dear Sirs

[REDACTED]

We have been instructed by [REDACTED] relation to a matter concerning her late daughter's headstone.

The writer has been informed that [REDACTED] daughter [REDACTED] passed away a few years ago and to date there is no headstone on her grave which is in the cemetery in Brandon Road. [REDACTED] informs the writer that [REDACTED] who was the partner of [REDACTED] at the date of her death holds the burial rites to the grave. The writer has also been informed that [REDACTED] refuses to discuss the question of the headstone with [REDACTED] any members of her family and is abusive to them when the question of the headstone is raised with him.

[REDACTED] visits her daughters grave as do other family members on a weekly basis in order to place fresh flowers on the same and it is deeply upsetting for her and family members to see that no headstone has been erected.

[REDACTED] and her family will be willing to pay for the headstone in full themselves and we understand they have attended at your offices in order to discuss the situation with you on many occasions We also enclose herewith a copy of a letter from you dated 26 September 2017 for reference purposes. It appears [REDACTED] has not received the courtesy of your response.

[REDACTED] also informs the writer that although [REDACTED] paid for the funeral and the burial rites this was done so with money received from a Government Grant and also from money received from [REDACTED] and family members.

The absence of a headstone is deeply distressing for [REDACTED] and her family and we should therefore be grateful if you would please let us have your comments on this matter as soon as possible to enable us to report back to our client.

Yours faithfully


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26th September 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 10th August 2017, I apologise for the length of time it has taken to give you a reply. This has proved to be a very difficult situation to try and sort out for you. I wanted to avoid coming back to you without a final answer, but unfortunately this type of specialist legal advice takes so much time to resolve.

I have only today, gone back to our national legal adviser on Burials and Cemetery Management, as they again required further information from us, before they can give a legal ruling. As you may or may not be aware, there has been some contact made with some members of your family, as we are trying hard to bring about a satisfactory conclusion for you and your family.

Please rest assured, that as soon as I have an answer for you, I will be back in touch. I only wish that I could give you this information right now, but I can't. I must wait for the advice to come back, we have been working hard behind the scenes since receiving your letter in August, and we are carrying out a thorough investigation, looking at alternative ways in which we can help you.

What I cannot do is raise your hopes at this stage, as I don't know what the outcome will be. All I can say is that myself and my staff are working as hard as we can, to fight your corner.

I will be back in touch, as soon as I have anything further to tell you.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Bishop

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