

Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 09 January 2019 10:03
To: 'Robin Horn'
Subject: RE: Swaffham Church Yard

Dear Robin,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the Churchyard.

The Town Council's responsibility in the Churchyard is to manage and maintain the closed part of the Churchyard, which is approximately 90% of the area. There is a responsibility that lies with the Parochial Church Council for the management and maintenance of the area that remains open i.e. to the memorial gardens where ashes are interred and with the access to and from the Church itself. There is also some limited responsibility with Norfolk County Council in respect of the public footpaths/footways that exist through the Churchyard.

I think that if there are any suggestions in regard to improvements within the Churchyard, then we will need to consult with the Parochial Church Council as it is quite likely that a Faculty would have to be obtained from the Diocese in advance of anything being done. The Town Council are currently looking at ways of improving access to the Kissing Gates and have been discussing options with Andrew Gayton the Historic Buildings Officer at Breckland, as we are also talking about Listed Building Consent for any material changes.

I will take your request to the Council at their meeting next Wednesday 16th January and see where we go from there. I will be in touch again shortly.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk

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From: Robin Horn <robinhorn149@btinternet.com>
Sent: 03 January 2019 19:52
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Swaffham Church Yard

Dear Mr Bishop,

I write in the belief that the Town Council is responsible for the management of Swaffham Church Yard and any improvements to it.

For several years I have maintained one of the memorial gardens by the area where ashes are interred. Over the last few years access to the memorial plaques from the track between the kissing gates and Mangate Street has gradually become grassed over and when wet is not as easy as it was for people less surefooted, etc, who want to see the plaques.

Whilst attending the garden I quite often see mainly elderly people visit the area. Some are in wheel chairs or buggies. Some are not a steady on their feet as they have no doubt been.

In order to facilitate access to the plaques could I please ask the Council if it would be prepared to put a pathway across the grassed area between the main surfaced drive through the Church Yard and the plaques, perhaps starting approx 80 metres from the kissing gate where the shortest route would be. Such a pathway would mean people could visit the area in all weather conditions.

I would be interested to hear any comments in due course.

Thank you for your help.

Robin Horn