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Mr P Cracknell
Committee Services
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17th October 2017

Dear Mr Cracknell,

I am writing on behalf of St Michael & All Angels Church, Leaffield. The church is in the process of applying for closure of the churchyard, and transfer of maintenance to Leaffield Parish Council.

The closure is being requested as there is no proper room for new graves. The condition of the churchyard is good.

Please would you be kind enough to fill in question B4 on the enclosed form and return to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Jane Hanson

Secretary, St Michael & All Angels Parochial Church Council, Leaffield



Part B(ii)
Notice of intention to apply to transfer maintenance responsibility
(To be sent to the appropriate District council)

In the event that an Order in Council is made to discontinue burials in

ST MICHAEL + ALL ANGELS, LEAFIELD churchyard,
LEAFIELD WITH WYCHWOOD Parochial Church Council

hereby gives notice of its intention to request

LEAFIELD ~~Town /~~ Parish council ~~or parish~~

~~meeting~~ (delete as applicable) to take over maintenance responsibility for the churchyard in accordance with the provisions of section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972

This is being brought to your attention as under s.215(3), if a request to take on the maintenance of a closed churchyard is served on a parish or community council or the chairman of a parish meeting they may decide, within three months of that notice, to give written notice to the council of the district of their intention to pass on the responsibility to that council.

Signed (Secretary of PCC): J. Hanson / Date: 13-10-17

<p>B1 The grounds for closure* are because (PCC to ✓ as appropriate):</p> <p>a) There is no proper room for new graves. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) Further burials would be contrary to decency. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) Discontinuance of burials would prevent or mitigate nuisance <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>d) Further burials would constitute a health risk <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>e) Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Additional information regarding the reasons for discontinuing burials is / is not attached</p> <p>* Grounds (a) to (d) have been agreed by the Ministry of Justice, Church of England and local government representative organisations as potential grounds for justifying closure.</p>
<p>B2 The churchyard contains (PCC to ✓ as appropriate):</p> <p>war graves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>earth graves with space for the burial of additional family members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>vaults/walled graves with space for additional burials <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>graves reserved by faculty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

B3 The overall condition of the churchyard is:

GOOD

NB: Please use one of the definitions provided below.

Further information covering the churchyard's pathways, walls and fences, memorials and trees is set out in the attached document.

B4 Does the Council have any objections to the closure of the burial ground, on the grounds given above at B1:

Yes No

Please now return this form to the Parochial Church Council explaining, if necessary, why it is considered that the burial ground should not be closed under the grounds at B1.

Definitions for overall churchyard condition for Question B3.

Good	The churchyard is in an acceptable condition for the maintenance responsibility to be transferred now. The trees, walls and fences are in a reasonable state of repair, and the monuments have been assessed for safety within the last 2 years.
Fair	The churchyard and/or the trees, walls and fences require some attention, but no major work, restoration or clearance. For example the trees might need trimming, some repairs might be required to the walls or fences, and/or the memorials may not have been assessed recently or are known to include some which need to be made safe.
Poor	The churchyard requires capital investment or essential repairs or restoration work.

SITE LOCATION PLAN
AREA 4 HA
SCALE 1:1250 on A4
CENTRE COORDINATES: 431866, 215333

