

Cast Iron Memorials

The Estates Committee is responsible for maintenance of Wickhambrook Cemetery (and also the closed churchyard at All Saints Church).

At its July meeting the Estates Committee noted the clerk's report that there are currently a large number of cast iron memorials stored in the Chapel of Rest and expressed a desire that they not be disposed of, but instead, the parish council work with the primary academy to invite designs for a more lasting memorial (for example, a fence, seat or arch).

Wickhambrook Primary Academy now has a new Head Teacher, Rosie Kerr, and the clerk met with her on 14th September to discuss opportunities to work together to develop this project.

The headteacher outlined a number of core themes which she considered would fit with the project, including:

- Community
- Local History
- Design and technology

and will be discussing opportunities with teachers from years 5 and 6.

The clerk has invited advice on practical aspects of re-purposing painted cast iron memorials to gain a more detailed understanding of any likely costs or constraints which might impact on developing the project.