

THE METHODIST CHURCH – WEST YORKSHIRE DISTRICT

<p style="text-align: center;">MATTERS OF GRAVE CONCERN</p>	<p>CEMETERIES BURIAL GROUNDS GRAVEYARDS CONSECRATED/UNCONSECRATED</p>	<p>HISTORICAL LEGACIES ATTACHED / REMOTE SITES - 27 OPEN/CLOSED – Ours are 'Private' under Burial Act & only a formal resolution is required to close</p>
<p>NEED TO TREAT WITH: RESPECT – Deceased & relatives GRIEVING – over long periods SENSITIVITY – Public responses - 50 years suggested since last burial before any major change</p>	<p>PROPERTY OFFICE Burial Grounds Advice Note Sale clause C of E. Handbook – Care of Churchyards - Chapter 5 DBG (A) ACT 1981 Commonwealth Graves Report</p>	<p>OWNERSHIP INVOLVES: RESPONSIBILITIES LIABILITIES POSSIBILITIES REQUIREMENTS OF CPD LEGAL OBLIGATIONS</p>
<p>PROPERTY – ownership/land OCCUPIERS – Liability for damages TOMBSTONES – Family own DEEDS – where kept. SO 903 LOG BOOK – to record condition SCHEDULES – Annual 'A' S.O. 953</p>	<p>BURIAL RECORDS - Maintained GRAVE PLANS – Keep updated RESERVED PLOTS – Duration MONUMENTS - WAR MEMORIALS –</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ROLL - SEXTON – Grave digger MONUMENTAL MASONS LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES – record inscriptions ARCHIVES – For closed sites</p>
<p>LEGAL OBLIGATIONS - DDA HEALTH & SAFETY - Workers RISK ASSESSMENTS - Visitors SECURITY – Boundary walls QUINQENNIALS – S.O. 952 INSURANCE – S.O. 951</p>	<p>MAINTENANCE – Fund NOTICEBOARD - Signs INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY - Possible LITTER ACT 1983 – within 6 months REFUSE DISPOSAL (AMENITY) ACT 1978 – within 6 months</p>	<p>LOCATION – Affects decisions SETTING – Rural/urban CONSERVATION AREAS TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS RIGHTS OF WAY WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981</p>
<p>HOW DOES ALL OF THIS AFFECT: OUR CORE ACTIVITY PASTORAL COMMUNITY WORK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT OUR CALLING</p>	<p>OPTIONS : MAINTAIN - Responsibilities LEAVE TO NATURE - Liabilities DISPOSE – Possibilities – S.O. 931 Clause to be added</p>	<p>GRAVE DEPTHS/COVER: WALLED – 3 Feet cover UNWALLED – 4 Feet cover RE-USE OF OLD GRAVES</p>
<p>GARDEN – Advertise - 3 months for responses CAR PARKING – no need to exhume BUILDING LAND – Change of use – Planning Permission required</p>	<p>COVENANTS – enforcement often difficult to enforce particularly when resold & could prove costly INTERMENT OF ASHES may still be possible in closed graveyards</p>	<p>DBG (A) ACT 1981 EXHUMATIONS REINTERMENT CREMATION</p>
<p>PROFESSIONAL ADVICE: SOLICITOR - Legal SURVEYOR – Condition/Valuation</p>		