

Search for a New Burial Ground

Even though [Holy Trinity Churchyard](#) did not close until 1907, land for a new burial ground was sought at least as early as 1902.

The following entries have been taken from the minutes of [Meldreth Parish Council](#) meetings which were transcribed for [Meldreth Local History Group](#) by Ann Rogers and extracted for inclusion in this document by Kathryn Betts.

17 April 1902

A letter from the vicar was read with reference to the churchyard being full and it was resolved to call a meeting of the parishioners on April 28th 1902 to discuss the matter.

18 December 1902

Letters to the local Government Board and the replies thereto were read by the Chairman giving notice to the Local Government Board of the adoption of the Burial Acts by the Parish at a meeting held in the Parish Room on May 22nd last, and it was resolved by the Parish Council as follows: that the clerk writes to St Thomas Hospital and ask whether they would sell to the Parish one or two acres of the field opposite the churchyard, also to Peterhouse College and ask if they would sell one or two acres of land on Mettle Hill, also to Messers Clear and Wilkinson and ask if they would sell one or two acres of land on the Kneesworth Road.

A committee of three, comprising of Mr Howard, Mr Medlock and Mr Gibbs, were appointed to view several pieces of land suitable for a burial ground, and report to the next meeting.

Carried unanimously.

24 March 1903

The formal acknowledgement of letters written by the Clerk to owners of land as directed, at the last meeting were read, from Peterhouse College and Mr J C Wilkinson.

The report of the committee to view several pieces of land was received and after discussion it was proposed by Mr Gibbs, seconded by Mr Harvey that Mr Howard be deputed to see the Bursar of Peterhouse College and Mr Saunders, the Tenant, respecting the purchase of a piece of land on Mettle Hill for a burial ground.

Carried unanimously.

17 April 1903

The burial question was adjourned; Mr Howard not having seen the Bursar of Peterhouse College, Cambridge.

11 July 1903

It was proposed by Mr Howard and seconded by Mr Gibbs, that the clerk write to Peterhouse College asking them to sell from one or two acres of land for a Burial Ground in the South West corner of their field abutting on the Kneesworth Road, in the occupation of Mr W J Saunders who we understand has no objection.

Further, the Parish Council would like to know the price per acre as the Council understand the College has no objection to selling a piece.

Carried unanimously.

22 October 1903

Upon the motion of Mr M.C Butlin and seconded by Mr G.W Bindloss, it was unanimously resolved that the clerk be instructed to write again to the Master and Fellows of Peterhouse College drawing their attention to former letters and press for a definite answer.

18 July 1904

It was proposed by Mr Gibbs seconded of Mr Howard that a committee of three be appointed to meet the vicar and ask whether he would consent to a piece of his garden and land being taken and added to the Churchyard, and that they investigate any other suitable site and report to this Council at its next meeting.

Mr O.R Emnion, Mr Elbourn and Mr J Adcock were appointed.

7 January 1905

The committee appointed reported that the vicar is willing to give permission for a portion of his garden to be taken for an addition to the churchyard, but he would not consent to selling any land to come under a Burial Board.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr Bindloss, seconded by Mr Howard, that the clerk write to the vicar asking him to make enquiry as to what consents are necessary and the probable costs for acquiring the consents to purchase a piece of his ground and the Council would be obliged if he could kindly attend the next P.C. meeting of which due notice will be sent to him.

Carried unanimously.

21 January 1905

Mr Harvey attended and informed the Council that they could not get the necessary consents and land could not be added to the Churchyard and the Parish Council considered after hearing Mr Harvey that a piece of his garden could not be added to the as part of the Churchyard.

The committee appointed on July 18th, 1904 are requested to make further enquiries and report some suitable site to the next meeting.

15 April 1905

It was proposed by Mr Gibbs seconded by Mr A Howard that the subcommittee see Mr Wedd and get permission to sink a hole in the proposed piece of land adjoining the [Parish Room](#) to ascertain what depth can be reached without finding water and report to the Council at the next meeting.

19 October 1906

A letter from the local Government board was as follows:

Local Government Board

Whitehall S.W.

11th October 1906

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board hereby to give you notice that it is their intention after the expiration of ten days from the date hereof to represent to His Majesty in Council that for the Protection of Public Health, the opening of any new burial ground in the civil parish of Meldreth save with their previous approval, should be prohibited, and that, except as hereinafter provided, burials should be discontinued and entirely in the [Parish Church of Holy Trinity](#), Meldreth and in the Churchyard provided that – In the vaults or walled graves now existing in the said Churchyard and belonging or reputed to belong to [Mr John George Mortlock](#), Mrs Cory, [Mr Hubert O.S Ellis](#), and Mr Harry Badcock [Adcock?], burials may be allowed subject to the condition that every coffin buried in such vaults or graves be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented.

I am Sir your obedient servant Noel Kershaw asst. Secretary

After discussion it was proposed by Mr Bindloss and seconded by Mr P E Elbourn and unanimously resolved that an application be made to the local Government Board for an extension of time (at least 6 months before the closing of the churchyard at Meldreth) as it is impossible to procure a piece of land at such short notice.

Mr Elbourn proposed and Mr Gibbs seconded that the clerk write to the Melbourn Parish Council whether in view of the immediate closing of Meldreth Churchyard they will consent to the burial in their cemetery of parishioners of Meldreth and what fees will be required.

Carried unanimously.

24 October 1906

The question of providing a new burial ground for Meldreth was discussed and Mr Gibbs proposed and Mr Bindloss seconded that steps be taken to ascertain whether it is possible to acquire a portion of the garden land (about half an acre) adjoining the churchyard on the north side belonging to the vicar of Meldreth for the purpose of an extension of the present churchyard and if so what compensation would be required.

Carried nem. con. [unanimously]

7 November 1906

Mr Bindloss proposed and Mr Howard seconded that a Parish Meeting be called on Monday 19th November 1906 at 7.30pm to consider the question of a suitable piece of ground for a cemetery, and if approved to ask the consent of the Parish to taking a piece of the allotment ground on Mettle Hill adjoining St Johns College land.

Carried Nem Con

Mr Medlock did not vote.

Mr Bindloss proposed and Mr Howard seconded that Mr Ellis be appointed one of the committee to inspect any suitable burial ground.

Mr Elbourn proposed and Mr Bindloss seconded that Mr Gibbs be one of the committee to inspect any suitable burial ground.

Mr Ellis proposed and Mr Gibbs seconded that Mr P.Elbourn be appointed one of the committee.

Carried nem con. Mr Medlock did not vote.

Letters were read from the vicar of Meldreth and the Dean and Chapter of Ely stating that the proposal of this Parish to purchase a piece of the vicarage garden for an addition to the churchyard could not be entertained.

After discussion it was unanimously resolved that this meeting be adjourned to Mon Nov 19th at 7.15pm

19 November 1906

The committee appointed to inspect any suitable piece of land for a burial ground reported that they met on November 15th and they think that a portion of the allotments on Mettle Hill are suitable in every respect except as to the distance from the village.

It was proposed by Mr Ellis seconded by Mr Gibbs that this meeting be adjourned until after the Parish meeting to be held on Wednesday November 28th 1906.

28 November 1906

It was proposed by Mr Gibbs seconded by Mr Ellis that the clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government Board informing them that a second Parish Meeting has been held this evening for the purpose of obtaining the sanctioning of Parishioners to the taking a piece of Parish land which the Parish Council consider to be most suitable for a burial ground and the Parish having refused their consent and several private owners having refused. This council must again ask for further extension of time before the closing of the churchyard as they will most likely have to take land by compulsory powers.

Mr P Elbourn proposed and Mr Bindloss seconded that Messers G. Palmer, J G Mortlock, and the Executors of the late Mr James Adcock be written to asking them permission to dig a trial hole on their land in [Fenny Lane](#) with a view to purchasing about half an acre for the purpose of a burial ground.

Carried unanimously.

Mr Bindloss proposed and Mr Howard seconded that the committee be asked to take further steps to ascertain where any other suitable land for the purpose of a burial ground can be acquired.

19 January 1907

The committee reported that they had inspected the land in Fenny Lane belonging to Mr G Palmer and J G Mortlock and find they cannot get more depth than 7 feet in Mr Palmer's field or more depth than 6 feet in Mr Mortlock's field without finding water.

A letter of the executors of the late Mr J Adcock was read refusing to give permission to this council to dig a trial hole in their land in Fenny Lane for the purpose of a burial ground.

Mr Ellis proposed and Mr Elbourn that the clerk be instructed to write to the executors of the late Mr James Adcock as tenants of Peterhouse College land and to Mr J Stockbridge as tenant of St Johns College land on Mettle Hill asking their consent as Tenants to the taking of about an acre of land now in the occupation for a burial ground.

Carried nem. con.

20 February 1907

Letters were read from the executors of the late Mr J Adcock, and Mr Stockbridge giving their consent to the taking of portions of the land, of which they are tenants for a burial ground for the parish, also acknowledgments from the Cambs County Council, and Melbourn Parish Council re Trigg Charity.

The committee reported that they had inspected that they had inspected a piece of land on Mr Bailey's land behind the Grove, but cannot get more than six feet without water.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr H J Gibbs, seconded by Mr H O S Ellis that the clerk write to The Local Government Board informing them that this Council have already had three test holes dug in the village, but found water in every case at from six to seven feet and asked whether their requirements can be modified to meet this case, as the only other available ground in the Parish is at an inconvenient distance from the village which the majority of the inhabitants strongly object to.

Carried unanimously.

15 April 1907

Mr Howard proposed, Mr Medlock seconded that the Clerk to the Parish Council do write to Messers E O Farnham and A Elbourn and F Waldock for their consent to raise no objection to the purchasing for the purposes of a burial ground, the North West Corner of Mr Palmer Snr. orchard or the North East Corner of Mr Mortlock's allotment garden ground in Fenny Lane.

Carried unanimously.

Mr P E Elbourn proposed and Mr Gibbs seconded that the clerk do write to Mr Geo. Palmer Snr. for the price of half an acre to an acre of the North West Corner of his orchard abutting

on [Fenny Lane](#) Road and do write to Mr J.G Mortlock for the price of half an acre or an acre on the North East Corner of his allotment ground abutting Fenny Lane Road.

Carried unanimously.

16 May 1907

Mr Gibbs proposed and Mr A.A Howard seconded that the clerk do write to the Government Board as follows:

After repeated attempts for over four years, to obtain a suitable piece of ground for Burial purposes in this Parish, the Parish Council have no alternative but to apply to the Local Government Board to send down an inspector to view the village and see if they can select a suitable spot, as the Council feel they are now at a deadlock in the matter.

Carried unanimously.

20 July 1907

Mr P E Elbourn proposed and Mr S Law, seconded that the advice of the Local Government Board given in their letter of the 12th June, be agreed to and that the Rural District Council be approved and to take steps to obtain a price of land for a New Burial Ground.

A letter was produced from the Clerk of the Burial Board and ordered to be laid upon the table.

1 November 1907

A letter was read by the Chairman from the Clerk to the Melbourn Rural District Council stating that compulsory powers will be taken for the acquiring of one acre of land in Fenny Lane belonging to Mr George Palmer Snr. for a cemetery.

27 April 1908

A special meeting was called to be held in the Parish Room at 4.30pm on Monday 27th April 1908 by the subcommittee of the Melbourn Rural District Council to meet the Meldreth Parish Councillors to discuss the new Burial Ground question.

Present: subcommittee, Messers E.O.Fordham, A.J Gibbs, A. Prime.

Meldreth Councillors: Messers H.O.S Ellis, P.E Elbourn, A.A Howard, Geo. Medlock, C.Farnham, H.J Adcock, H. F Course.

Proposed by Mr H. Course, seconded by Mr H.J Adcock, that in the opinion of this meeting, the best site for a burial ground is in the South West side of the [Vicarage](#) field, and that the District Council be asked to take the necessary steps to acquire ½ acre of this land, and failing this that the next best site is the piece of land at the back of the [Parish room](#) belonging to Christ's College and occupied by Mr W.J Wedd.

Carried.

5 voted for. Messers Medlock, Gibbs and Ellis did not vote.

7 December 1908

Proposed by Mr H O S Ellis and seconded by Mr A A Howard that the clerk to the Parish Council do write to the clerk to the Rural District Council as to what steps have been taken to procure a Burial Ground for this Parish, as the ground is urgently needed.

Carried unanimously.

9 May 1910

The Chairman read a letter from the Rural District Council and Local Government Board on this matter viz. copy of letter from Local Government Board, re vicarage field site.

Sir, I am directed by the Local Government Board to state that they have under consideration the report made by their Inspector, Mr Malet, after the inquiry held by him, with reference to the application of The Rural District Council of Melbourn for the issue of a provisional order to enable them to acquire compulsory certain land required as a site for a cemetery for the Parish of Meldreth.

The Board understand the water is found under the proposed site at such a level that under drainage would be necessary before internments could take place. Having regard to the levels of the ground and of the subsoil water, it does not appear to be practicable to drain the site to a depth of 4 feet 3 inches, which would only permit of one internment in each grave. It would also be necessary to provide a small filter, not less than 18 inches in depth, for the treatment of the drainage before it could be discharged into the stream. I am to enquire whether in the circumstance would desire to proceed with their application.

J.S Davy (Assistant Secretary)

To the Clerk, Rural District Council,

The foregoing letter was sent to this Parish Council for consideration.

After discussion, Mr H J Gibbs proposed and Mr H O S Ellis seconded consider it is not advisable for further steps to be taken as to proposed site for a Burial Ground.

8 June 1910

Mr P Elbourn proposed, Mr G. Palmer seconded that we write to Peterhouse College if they would be prepared, to sell the Council one acre of land at Mettle Hill for a Burial Ground, if so would they say about the cost.

Write the Rural District Council stating that this Council had the option of purchase of a piece of ground offered them which they can have possession of as soon as the crops are up if suitable.

28 July 1910

Proposed by Mr B.A Palmer, Seconded by Mr A.A Howard that we write to Mr Wallis asking him if he is prepared to sell the Parish Council one of his plots of ground in Mettle Hill for a Burial Ground, if so state the price of each separately.

Will he also give his consent to trial holes being dug, with the consent of the tenant?

Proposed by Mr Bindloss, seconded by Mr P.E Elbourn that the Chairman have authority to instruct someone to dig holes.

12 September 1910

Proposed by Mr Elbourn Seconded by Mr Gibbs that we write to Mr J Wallis offering him £150 for his plot of land near Mettle Hill adjoining Mr Sells provided that the L.C.I.S give their consent to same.

Carried unanimously.

2 November 1910

It was proposed by Mr P E Elbourn seconded by Mr S Pepper that this Parish Council ask the Cambs County Council to hold an enquiry as to the suitability of the land they propose purchasing for a Burial Ground and permission to raise a loan, not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds for the necessary expenses connected with same.

Carried unanimously.

18 January 1911

After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to again write to The Medical Officer of Health asking him to attend to inspect the site of the proposed Burial Ground before the County Council Enquiry to be held on Tuesday January 24th 1911.

30 January 1911

After some discussion Mr Bindloss proposed and Mr Howard seconded that Melbourn Rural District Council be written to asking if they will consent to a portion (about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre) of the Parish Allotments on Mettle Hill adjoining the chalk pit to be utilised for the purpose of a Burial Ground for the Parish providing the necessary consents can be obtained and also whether the ground can be transferred free of cost, or whether they will require a sum of payment.

15 March 1911

It was proposed by Mr S Pepper, seconded by Mr Gibbs, that in the view of the unanimous wish of the Parish meeting a site for a cemetery should be obtained behind the Parish Room and the Chairman be appointed to see Mr Wedd to obtain his consent to a test hole being dug.

Carried unanimously.

19 April 1911

Mr Ellis proposed and Mr Bindloss seconded that Mr Wedd be written asking his consent to taking an acre of his land for the purpose of a burial ground providing the necessary consents be obtained, and further, should Mr Wedd's consent be obtained the clerk write to the Bursar of Christ's College

Carried Unanimously.

12 July 1911

Mr Elbourn proposed and Mr Howard seconded that a copy of the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on March 15th last be sent to the Rural District Council and at that meeting it was the unanimous wish of the Parishioners that a site be obtained near the Church.

A test hole was dug in Mr Wedd's field at the back of the Parish Room, with his consent and the result was as follows:

March 22nd 1911.- Hole dug 6' 9". There was a clear depth of 6 feet 7 inches without water at the time of digging the hole.

March 23rd 1911 – Hole tested 24 after being dug. There was 1 ft 6ins of water leaving a clear depth of 5ft 3ins without water.

March 24th 1911 – Hole tested 48hrs after being dug. There was 2 ft of water leaving a clear depth of 4ft 9ins without water.

The Parish Council having failed to obtain Mr Wedd's consent to the taking a portion of his land at the back of the Parish Room are now to be compelled to refer the matter to the District Council and suggest a small subcommittee of your Council with your Medical Officer of Health meet this Council and decide what further steps can be taken.

Carried unanimously.

27 November 1911

Proposed by Mr G Bindloss, seconded by Mr P Elbourn that this Council authorize the Chairman to obtain the consent of Mr H. Adcock to the taking of 1 acre of land on Mettle Hill for Burial Ground.

Carried.

His consent having been obtained; the clerk write to Peterhouse College as follows:

I am instructed by the Meldreth Parish Council to ask you if you would sell a plot of land on Mettle Hill for a burial ground.

The land required would be ½ to 1 acre.

If you are willing to sell please state the price required per ½ .

Your tenant Mr H Adcock has been asked by the Chairman of the above Council and he, as occupier has no objections to give up the land needed.

The question of the Burial ground, having been before the Council for some considerable period, they ask for an early reply.

Previous to their meeting, the Council met the committee of Melbourn Rural District Council together with their Medical Officers and were unanimously agreed that the Mettle Hill site, was the only site possible for a cemetery.

The Medical Officer undertook to send to the Council a reasoned report to that effect

1 March 1912

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Bursar of Peterhouse College Cambridge for reply to letter re Burial Ground, dated 23rd November 1911

16 February 1916

Proposed by Mr Elbourn, seconded by Mr G Medlock, that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Wedd, College Farm, if he has any objection, to a piece of land opposite his Fenny Lane Farm House being used as a burial ground for the Parish.

Carried unanimously.

16 April 1916

A reply to the Clerk's letter was received from Mr W J Wedd College Farm granting his permission to the Council to use a plot of land opposite his farm in Fenny Lane for a Burial Ground.

Proposed by Mr Elbourn seconded by Mr Russell that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Executors of the late Mr G. Palmer asking them to state the price of ½ acre, also 1 acre of land opposite Fenny Lane Farm.

Carried.

10 April 1918

It was resolved to call a meeting the following week to again consider the question of a site for the cemetery.

23 April 1918

A letter was read by the Chairman from the Executors of the late Mr G Palmer offering a plot of freehold land in Fenny Lane, about 3 roods 30 poles, for a cemetery for the sum of One Hundred pounds £100.

Mr Russell proposed, and Mr Williams seconded that the Council offer to purchase the plot of land at the rate of £100 per acre. Carried.

29 November 1918

A letter was read from the Executors of the late Mr G Palmer accepting the Parish Council's Offer of £100 per acre for 3 rood, 30 poles, land in Fenny Lane, subject to the following conditions: purchase to fence and to keep same in repair on East and South side. Wire fence not less than 5 feet high.

19 May 1919

A letter was read from the Medical Officer of Health re proposed site of cemetery and it was unanimously resolved to send on his report to the Local Governmental Board.

17 February 1920

A letter from Cambs County Council informing the Parish Council that the County Medical Officer had reported in favour of the proposed site of Burial Ground, and that the County Council had resolved to give their consent to the raising of the loan of £400.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr A A Howard and seconded by Mr G Medlock, that the Ministry of Health be asked to give their consent to the raising of the loan of £400 for the purchasing and laying out of the plot of land for burial ground.

Carried.

30 March 1920

A letter was read from the Ministry of Health acknowledging the receipt of the Parish Council's letter re Burial Ground, and informing them that a Public Enquiry on the matter would be held at some future date.

30 July 1920

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the proposed new Cemetery.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Health giving formal approval of the site, adjoining Fenny Lane as a Burial Ground, and consenting to a loan of £100 for the purchase of same, and with regard to the laying out of the ground. The Ministry request a detailed estimate of the cost of proposed works, and plan of same to be furnished.

Proposed by Mr P Elbourn seconded by Mr G Medlock that a small committee of 4 members of the Council be formed to get estimates for the laying out of the Burial Ground and report same to Council. It was resolved that the following members of the Council form the subcommittee: Mr G Palmer, Mr S Pepper, Mr C Harrup, with the Chairman Mr A A Howard.

22 February 1921

Application having been made to the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, Melbourn Lodge, Cambs asking if they could consider the loaning of £400 for buying and laying out cemetery, the following answer was received:

That the Trustees of the Lodge are agreed that the loan should be granted at 6% rate of interest and that all legal expenses of transfer of the loan etc to be paid by the borrowers.

The Lodge are quite agreed to the repayment of the loan of £300 in a period not exceeding 20 years but would prefer the time limit "60 years" for the repayment of the £100 loan should be somewhat curtailed.

It was proposed by Mr P Elbourn, seconded by Mr G Palmer, that the Council accept the loan on the terms stated above and that steps be taken to get the time of repayment of the £100 loan down to 20 years instead of 60 years.

This was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr P Elbourn seconded by Mr S Law that any necessary business concerning the Cemetery be left with the Cemetery Committee with leave to act.

30 March 1921

A letter was read from The Ministry of Health stating that the loan for £100 could be repaid in any period but not exceeding 60 years.

20 April 1921

It was proposed by Mr G Palmer, seconded by Mr S Pepper that a letter be written to [Mr H Gipson](#) asking him to get on with the work on the cemetery as soon as possible.

31 May 1921

Mortgage for £400 (Cemetery)

The clerk to the Council produced to the meeting the following deeds for the Executors.

- 1) The mortgage on security of the Poor rate and revenue of the Parish in favour of the Trustees of The Pride of Melbourn Lodge.
- 2) The Conveyance from Mr George Palmer's trustees to the Council of the land in Fenny Lane acquired by the Council for Burial Ground.

It was proposed by Mr G Waldock Jnr. Seconded by Mr G Waldock Snr. and unanimously carried that the said two deeds be executed, and this was done on behalf of the Council at this meeting by the Chairman Mr A A Howard and Mr Percy Ernest Elbourn and Mr Samuel Pepper, two members of the Council then present.

8 November 1921

It was proposed by Mr Geo. Palmer, Seconded by Mr S Pepper that a precept be issued to the Overseers of £18, to be paid to Mr Wilf Hobb Esq. for Burial Ground expenses.

Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr G Waldock Snr. Seconded by Mr G Palmer, that a cheque be written in favour of Mr H Gipson, for £114-16s-0d for fencing and fixing and making gates at Burial Ground. and building Hearse [funeral bier] and tool house in same.

Carried unanimously.

20th December 1921

Burial Ground Fees

The following Table of fees, payments and Terms are provisionally and unanimously adopted by the Council acting as Burial Authority for the Parish of Meldreth and together with plan sent to the Ministry of Health for approval.

1. Internment Fees

In a grave in respect of which no exclusive right of Burial has been granted.

- For the internment of a body of a still born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 1 month, 1s-6d.
- For the internment of a body of a person whose age at the time of death did not exceed 12 years, 3s-0d
- For the internment of a body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years 5s0d.
- In an Earthen grave, Walled grave or Vault in respect of which an exclusive right of Burial has been granted.
- For the internment of a body of a still born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 1 month, 1s-6d
- For the internment of a body whose age at the time of death exceeded 1 month, but did not exceed 12 years 3s-0d.
- For the internment of a body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years 5s-0d.
- In an Earthen grave, Walled grave or Vault in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted.
- For the internment of a body of a still born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 1 month, 2s-6d.
- For the internment of a body whose age at the time of death exceeded 1 month, but did not exceed 12 years 5s-0d.
- For the internment of a body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years, 7s-6d.
- For every internment after the first in an Earthen grave 5s-0d.
- For every internment after the first in a Walled grave or Vault 5s-0d.

2. Exclusive right of Burial in an earthen Grave.

For the exclusive right of burial in perpetuity, in an earthen grave

- a) 9 feet x 4 feet. £1-1s-0d.
- b) 9 feet x 8 feet . £ 2-2s-0d

For the exclusive right of burial for a period of 25 years in an earthen grave

- 9 feet x 4 feet 10s-0d
- 9 feet x 8 feet £1-0s0d

3. Vaults or Walled graves.

For the right to construct a vault or walled grave with the exclusive right of burial therein in perpetuity.

a) 9 feet x 4 feet £1-0s-0d

b) 9 feet x 8 feet £2-0s-0d

For the right to construct a vault or walled grave with exclusive right of burial therein for a period of 25 years

a) 9 feet x 4 feet 10s -0d

b) 9 feet x 8 feet £1-0s=0d

4. Monuments and Gravestones, Tablets and Monumental Inscriptions.

For the right to erect and place a flat stone occupying a superficial area

a) Not exceeding 7 feet x 2 feet £1-0s-0d

b) Exceeding 7feet x 2 feet £2-0s-0d

For the right to erect and place a Headstone and Footstone 10s-0d

For the right to place Headstones or Border stones or iron palisades, enclosing a space not exceeding 9 feet x 4 feet 15/-

For the right to erect and place a monument £2-0s-0d

For the right to erect and place a tablet 10/-

For the right to place on any gravestone, tablet or monument any inscription after the first 2s-6d

The foregoing fees, payments and sums will be doubled in the case of any person who is not an inhabitant of the Parish of Meldreth, or in the case of a still born child of which neither of the parents is an inhabitant of the said Parish.

It was agreed not to vary the fees according to the position of the graves.

March 1922

Bills for payment for Burial Ground.

It was proposed by Mr S Law, seconded by Mr Elbourn, that the following bills be paid:

Messers Wisbey & Co for Gravel £45-16s-0d

G A Ward, for Plan of grounds £4-4s-0d

F G Williams Income for Interest of loan £3-12s-0d

Wortham & Co Solicitors £10-0s-0d

Carried unanimously.

20 March 1922

Burial Ground Fees

A letter was read from the Ministry of Health, concerning certain amendments suggested by that department and the table of fees, payments and sums for approval, provisionally framed at a meeting of the Council on December 21st 1921; the following alterations to the schedule was passed by the Council on the proposition of Mr C Harrup seconded by Mr S Law, and carried that:

Internment for Parish 1) para 2 will now read: for every interment after the first 5s-0d.

ditto ditto 3) para 1&2 There was no alteration made by the Council.

Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets and Monumental Inscriptions 4) para 2 will read:

For the right to erect and place a headstone or footstone, or a headstone and footstone. 10/-

Para 4 now reads:

For the right to place kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 9 feet x 4 feet without Palisades 15s. With Palisades £1-10s

Para 5 now reads: For the right to erect and place a Monument £2-0s-0d

The Secretary of State

On the proposition of Mr S Pepper, seconded by Mr G Waldock, and carried unanimously that the following be sent to the Secretary of State for approval:

1) The table of fees to be taken in respect rendered by Ministers of Religion at internments in the Meldreth Burial Ground.

The fee provisionally fixed by the above Council for conducting the service at the internment. 6s-0d

Other information as requested by the Secretary of State:

2) Meldreth Parish Council in the County of Cambridge acting as Burial Authority for the Parish of Meldreth.

a) The ecclesiastical Parish in "Holy Trinity" and that (if any) of "All Saints" within the civil Parish of Melbourn.

b) There is not any section with rights of duties within the Burial Ground.

c) The Vicar of the Parish has been approached in the matter of Fees for Internment service and has expressed himself as satisfied.

d) Probably Eight. These were signed by the presiding Chairman.

18 April 1922

Burial Ground Fees

It was proposed by Mr G Palmer, seconded by Mr S Pepper that the table of fees, payments and laws payable under section 34 of the Burial Act 1852 "provisionally approved" by the

Council duly published in the "Herts and Cambs Reporter" (a newspaper) and deposited for inspection since April 1st be adopted.

This was carried Unanimously.

The table of fees was signed by the Chairman Mr A A Howard.

Mr G Waldock Snr, Mr G Medlock, two Parish Councillors.

Letter of thanks

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr G Waldock that the Clerk shall write to Mr G Russell and thank him for typing The Table of Fees etc. thus saving the Council the expense of having them printed.

It was proposed by Mr G Palmer and seconded by Mr G Medlock that the following fees be adopted:

In digging a grave to 6 feet	8s-0d
In digging a grave Child under 12 years to 4 feet.....	5s-0d
In digging a grave Child under 12 years to 5 feet	6s-6d
For use of Hand bier	2s-6d
For certificate of grant of plot and stamp.....	2s-0d
For registering the transfer a plot for perpetuity	10s-6d
For searching the Register of Burials one year.....	£1-0s-0d
For certified copy of entry	2s-7d

Carried Unanimously.

A bill by Mr J Harrup for work done in the Burial Ground for £37-12s-6d and a letter regarding same was put before the Council, the bill being £6 in excess of the estimate, the cause of excess was stated by Mr Harrup in his letter to be due to the cost of removing the trees being in excess of what he estimated it to be, and for cutting out the ditch, putting up the wire netting, and cutting the hedges a second time, which was not in the estimate. The Council considered the price in the estimate was a reasonable one, but it should not be increased beyond the cost of the work that was not included in the estimate.

It was proposed by Mr G Palmer, seconded by Mr Medlock that including work done, Mr Harrup be asked to tender a bill for £34 -0s-0d and that the Clerk write to him to this effect.

Carried.

It was proposed It was proposed by Mr G Waldock Snr seconded by S Pepper that a cheque be written in favour of Warren Bros. for advertising in connection with Burial Ground

Carried Unanimously

22 May 1922

Table of fees

It was proposed by Mr Elbourn seconded by Mr Palmer that Messers Warren Bros of Royston be engaged to print about 50 copies of Regulations and tables of fees for Burial Ground.

Carried Unanimously

Burial Ground

The Chairman addressing the Council, said a letter had been received from The Ministry of Health stating the Cemetery was now in order for Burials.

Tools etc.

It was proposed by Mr Waldock Snr. and seconded by Mr Law that the Clerk be empowered to purchase any necessary tools for use in the Burial Ground.

Carried Unanimously.

Grave Digger

It was prop. by Mr Law, sec. by Mr Harrup that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr W.J Harrup with a view to engage his service as grave digger.

Carried Unanimously.

Survey of Burial Ground.

It was generally agreed that the Council should meet in the Burial Ground on Friday May 19th at 7 o'clock and take a general survey of the works.

Precept

It was proposed by Mr Palmer, seconded by Mr Waldock Snr. that a Precept be issued to the Overseers for £30 for Burial Ground expenses.

Carried Unanimously.

22 June 1922

Cemetery Committee

It was proposed by Mr Elbourn seconded by Mr Waldock Jnr that the Cemetery Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr G Palmer, Mr C Harrup, & Mr S Pepper shall continue with authority to deal with any matter requiring attention in connection with the Cemetery.

Carried Unanimously

Cemetery Grass

It was proposed by Mr Elbourn seconded by Mr Waldock Jnr that Mr Harrup should have the offered fee the grass now needing cutting in the cemetery for 5/-, this was unanimously carried and the offer accepted.

5 December 1922

Hand Hearse

It was proposed by Mr Howard seconded by Mr Waldock Snr that the clerk be instructed to write to Mr H Gipson and state "that if the Hand Hearse was not completed within 14 days (dating from the 6th) the order for same will be cancelled"

Carried Unanimously.

18 April 1923

Mr Gipsons account

Estimate £28 Charged £30

It was proposed by Mr Waldock seconded by Mr Pepper that the account surrendered by Mr H Gipson for Hearse etc. be returned with a request for him to consider whether the charge for the Hearse could not be further reduced under the terms of his estimate.

Carried Unanimously.