

**Joint update on the memorial following a meeting held at
Shropshire Council, Shirehall, on Tuesday 27th August 2019.**

Dear Parent,

Thank you for visiting this webpage for an update on the memorial, below is an update following a recent meeting.

When: The meeting was held on Tuesday 27th August 2019;

Who attended:

Mr and Mrs Glen Perkins, (as Chair and representative of Action for Ashes),
Shropshire Council,
Shrewsbury Town Council (as owner of the Dingle) and
Lottie O'Leary (the artist parents have chosen to design and create the memorial).

Meeting summary: The meeting focussed on the latest design for the memorial created by Lottie, options for where the memorial could be installed, comments about the latest design from parents and other stakeholders and options on how to proceed.

The meeting was both positive and constructive and has found a way to move forward with having the memorial installed.

Record of the meeting: Shropshire Council explained that it did not own the Dingle within Shrewsbury. It was therefore necessary to take into account the views and comments expressed by the landowner as well as by parents.

It was noted that for the memorial to be installed within the Dingle it would be necessary for there to be some changes to the memorial design to take account of the comments received.

It was noted that Shropshire Council had no objection to and was happy with the form of the latest memorial design.

It was noted that Shropshire Council owned Longden Road Cemetery and its cloister garden and as the landowner for this site it did not need permission from any other party for the memorial as currently designed to be installed.

Discussion took place regarding the merits and prospects that the cloister garden at Longden Road chapel offered. In brief these are; a covered, sheltered, quiet area from which to view the memorial from all angles, adjacent and free car parking, long opening hours, opportunity to create a new garden layout and colour scheme in which to display the memorial and opportunities to have memorial name plaques/ a memorial bench.

Following discussion of the options Mr and Mrs Perkins stated that their preferred option was to have the memorial as it was currently designed installed within the cloister garden to the chapel of Longden Road Cemetery. Mr Perkins suggested that he thought other parents might also prefer this option.

It was suggested Mr and Mrs Perkins should visit the cloister garden at Longden Road Cemetery to view this for themselves to ensure that they were happy that the cloister garden would provide a suitable location for the memorial and to then confirm their opinion to Shropshire Council.

Post Meeting Note 02/09/19: Mr and Mrs Perkins have viewed the cloister garden at Longden Road Cemetery and have confirmed they are satisfied that the location provides a perfect space for the memorial as designed.

The cloister garden location offers a number of additional benefits in terms of creating a new garden design to enhance the space and the memorial and offers additional opportunities for further memorials and or a memorial bench.

Next steps and actions: Consultation with parents on the latest memorial design and the newly proposed location for the installation will be carried out.

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Mr Glen Perkins

Chairman of Action for Ashes

