

**Norton on Derwent Town Council**

**Agenda Item 12**

**April 2024**

**Double Graves and Excavator Hire**

Andy our Cemetery Manager has three types of grave to dig. Small cremation / casket plots, single graves and double graves.

The double grave is especially difficult as it is 6ft depth as opposed to 4ft and is especially strenuous as it is manually dug. Once this has been dug to 4ft, Andrew then needs Malcolm onsite while the last two foot is dug, this is due to Health & Safety.

Malton Town Council have recently had their last 4 double graves successfully dug by excavator. The cost is £150 plus VAT, the excavator comes with its own personnel and insurance.

Having the digger for double graves will save time and Andrew will be able to work on other areas while the contractor excavates the plot. Also Malcolm will not be required to attend.

At our current price differential, £410.00 for a single grave and £580.00 for a double grave the cost is virtually covered.

**For resolution.**

Members to approve hiring an excavator for double graves.

**Claire Eade, Clerk**