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Dear Francis

Your ref: A10801 Request for reallocation of grant award 10800209

Thank you for your letter dated 10th October.

- a) The Annual Revenue Grant of £9781 is used towards the maintenance of Hadlow Cemetery and St Mary's Church. We employ a company to mow the grass, trim the hedges and generally keep the cemetery and churchyard tidy. We employ Meyer Landscapes to carry out this task and they are paid £15,000 per annum.
- b) The current request for 2007/8 capital grant is for cemetery **improvements** and upgrade (This does <u>not</u> include Memorial testing) The schedule of works is as follows:

Ground Works

Paths and drives

To complete edging on all path and drives where necessary To take up existing gravel, lay fabric and relay original gravel To lay approximately 2" of new gravel

Tree Works

To tidy shrubs behind Memorial wall
To remove foreign growth from all Yew trees
To cut back trees around main gate
To dig out and clear borders leading up to Memorial wall
To apply fabric and bark mulch to borders
To cut down dead tree by Memorial wall
All cuttings to be burned on site

Repair Cemetery shelter

To remove all peg tiles to roof of shelter To make good underneath the roof To renew roof with new tiles Hadlow Parish Council will <u>not</u> be making a separate application for a grant to help pay the cost of graveyard memorial testing although we are a little perplexed as to why this should be such an issue with the Borough Council.

Yours sincerely

Marylin Apps - Parish Clerk