

007 GENERAL INSPECTION OF CEMETERY

Members were pleased with the general condition of the Cemetery and considered that the extra help with grass cutting had been very beneficial. After some consideration it was agreed that in general, maintenance of the Cemetery required more time and man power than is available just using the Maintenance Worker. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to **recommend** to full Council to continue to use Huddleston Landscapes for the rest of the summer period to cut the grass in the old section of the Cemetery.

It was agreed that from next year a formal contract be set up for the old section of Cemetery and be budgeted for accordingly. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to **recommend** to full Council that a contractor be used on a permanent basis to cut the grass in the old section of the Cemetery from next year.

It was noted that the tap was still not replaced despite regular efforts by the Clerk and Cllr Fisk. However it was agreed to have a further attempt as it was known the tap was with the contractor waiting installation

The Clerk was asked to obtain prices and information on vandal proof litter bins.

It was noted that the north west corner remained untidy, it was agreed that Cllr Auger would meet with the Maintenance Worker to discuss a strategy.

Members viewed the small section of old gate and railings at the furthest section of the Cemetery on Church Walk. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for a new section of matching railings to be erected in their place.

008 TERMS OF REFERENCE, DELEGATED POWERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to recommend to full council that these remain as in the current Standing Orders.

009 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20 September at the Cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21 June 2005 at The Cemetery. Councillor Auger, Chairman, presided over Councillor Blessett, Fisk and the clerk. No members of the public were present.

001 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Auger was proposed, seconded and accepted the nomination.

002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Abel due to illness.

003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

004 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Fisk and seconded by Cllr Auger that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2005 be adopted. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

005 BURIAL, HEADSTONE AND CEMETERY REGULATIONS

The Clerk had prepared a short notice stating the Council's role as Burial Authority and requesting that a few regulations to be observed. It was agreed that a more comprehensive statement would be required for the new extension to establish firm guidelines relating to the maintenance of graves. It was noted that several graves had sections of grass removed to plant flowers and shrubs and that in some cases were no longer tended on a regular basis. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to prevent this from happening in the new section. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to **recommend** the short guidelines for adoption at the next meeting of the Council on 30 June 2005.

The Clerk had prepared a formal memorial application document which would be sent to stone masons for completion. With a particular emphasis on health and safety, it requires that all new memorials are constructed and erected to current NAMM standards and that headstones would have a NAMM approved anchor system. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to **recommend** it for adoption at the next meeting of the Council on 30 June 2005.

The Clerk informed members that LALC recommend that burial fees are charged at the same level as those set by the Church of England. It was agreed that the scale of fees would be considered at the next meeting.

006 BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION

It was agreed that the extension was now a priority and it should be completed for next year. It was agreed that there should be little ground preparation required but that fencing should match existing main fence rather than the net type currently to the side of the new cemetery. The Clerk confirmed she did have one quote and was awaiting a further two.