

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 13 December 2005 at The Institute. Councillor Auger, Chairman, presided over Councillor Blessett, Fisk and the clerk. No members of the public were present.

017 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

019 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Auger and seconded by Cllr Fisk that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2005 be adopted. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

020 REPORT OF MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Huddleston Landscapes are to be asked to trim the Leylandi hedging and hedging at the back of the new cemetery in the New Year. It was noted that no action had yet been taken on the railings/old gate at Church Walk and that this should be undertaken shortly.

021 REVIEW OF BURIAL AUTHORITY SCALE OF FEES

Although the committee considered the fee scales at the last meeting, the proposals had been withdrawn at the full meeting of the council on 29 September as the clerk had advised the Chairman that further consideration was required. The clerk reported that some of the fees were considerably less than those set by the Church of England and that LALC had recommended that councils should set their scales to a similar level. It was noted that some fees were considerably lower than other local burial authorities and that some major increases would be necessary.

After some consideration it was proposed, seconded and agreed to **recommend** to full council that the charge for Exclusive Rights of Burial should increase from £50.00 to £100.00, that Exclusive Rights of Interment of Cremated Remains increase from £25.00 to £50.00 and that the fees for a memorial permit for a full size headstone increase from £25.00 to £50.00. It was agreed not to recommend any other changes within the scale of fees.

022 BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION

The clerk reported that planning permission had been granted and that the old fencing had been now been removed and new fencing installed and that burials within the extended ground could now take place.

023 REVIEW OF BUDGET FOR 2005/06 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUDGET FOR 2006/07

The committee reviewed spending for this year and noted that it was largely within budget. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee that the Maintenance budget be set at £7000 (including £3000 of Maintenance Workers salary) and that the Miscellaneous be set at £4000. Total Budget to be £11000.00

024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – tbc

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.