

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at 7.15pm on Thursday 8th November 2007 in the Parish Office at the Institute. Councillors Auger, Barber (Chair) Blessett, Wallis and the Clerk, Mrs S Kostyrka attended. No members of the public were present.

- 12/07 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr Lindfors-Windsor (personal)
- 13/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**
None
- 14/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th August 2007 and to report on any matters arising not included on the agenda.**
The replacement back board is still outstanding, and the post still needs repair. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.
- 15/07 To consider the cost of burial fees for children and to make recommendations to Council. (Referred from Council Min 60/07.2)**
The Committee considered the charge made in the event of a death for children under 12 years old. **It was proposed by Cllr Augar, seconded by Cllr Blessett and unanimously agreed to recommend to Council that the fees in this category be waived.**
- 16/07 To consider the need and provision for a "Peaceful Memorial Garden" in Deeping St James and make any recommendations to Council.**
The Clerk put forward Cllr Lindfors-Windsor's report on her behalf, and the report from Symphonic Gardens was considered. Ownership of a suitable area of land set up costs and maintenance would have to be considered. The committee agreed that whilst this was a nice idea, we did not know if there was a need for a Memorial Garden in the village and if it would be used. It was agreed not to take this initiative forward at this time.
- 17/07 To report on the outcome of the meeting with the District Surveyor and agree to make recommendations to Council for the Topple Testing identification and repair procedure.**
The report is attached at Appendix 1 to this document. **It was agreed to take all the recommendations to Council for approval.**
- 18/07 To receive a report on the cemetery inspections and the ongoing work of the Community Team.**
Cllr Lindfors-Windsor was thanked for making the monthly contractor inspections. The contractor has been asked to make an additional cut as the grass was still growing. The tap replacement and refurbished path were now complete. The Clerk had met with Mr Crookes regarding the Plane and Red Cedar trees and was waiting for a report. The tall conifers need to be pruned back to about seven feet. The fence beneath the Plane tree needs attention and an estimate had been requested. Fly tipping was ongoing around the boundaries of the playground field area. **It was recommended that the Clerk draw this problem to the attention of nearby residents with access into the area, and the Clerk write to them.** The Community Team will help clear the areas concerned and also remove all the debris from the memorials at the back of the old cemetery. The soil waste will be redistributed across the area. The painting of the fence is now complete and the team are now concentrating on resetting the kerb stones. The bench will also be painted again. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Probation Service to thank them again for the work they are doing in the community.

19/07 To report on the budget situation.

The budget report is attached at Appendix 2 to this document. There will be £1000 under spend this year due to the topple testing identification by the Clerk and Cemetery Chairman.

20/07 Date of next meeting.

Thursday 7th February 2008 at 7.15 at the Institute.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.00pm