

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at 6.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008 in the Meeting Room at the Institute. Councillors Auger, Barber (Chair) Blessett, Lindfors-Windsor and the Clerk, Mrs S Kostyrka attended. No members of the public were present.

**01.08 To elect a Chairman.**

It was unanimously agreed to ask Cllr Barber to remain as Chairman, and this was accepted.

**02.08 To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllr Wallis (Holiday)

**03.08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**

None.

**04.08 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 and to report on any matters arising not included on the agenda.**

The Clerk confirmed that there had not been any more fly tipping on the cemetery field, and it was therefore agreed not to write to the residents again at this time. There had been a few problems with hedge cutting again, which SKDC had in hand. It was noted that the Probation Team would now be coming every three weeks. Cllr Barber had volunteered to trim the Red Wood tree overhanging into a garden in Burghley Close, and would contact the owner. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

**05.08 To consider the Scale of Cemetery Fees and Specification and make any recommendations to Council. ( Enc 1 recommendations in bold.)**

It was recommended to Council that:

- 1. As from 28.08.08 a burial plot can only be purchased for a burial and not for the interment of ashes exclusively.**
- 2. In the event of a single monument spanning two grave spaces, the footstone must span both burial plots and be a minimum of 6 feet wide**
- 3. To charge an administration fee of £10 for any searches or investigations undertaken on behalf of the client.**

**06.08 To report on the Cemetery Inspection.**

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor was thanked for providing the contractor reports. The maintenance operative had made a full cemetery inspection and everything was in good order. Cllr Lindfors-Windsor was concerned that a few of the monuments were leaning. Cllr Barber assured her that they were all stable as shown by the recent topple testing exercise. However, Cllr Lindfors-Windsor will show Cllr Barber the monuments that are of a concern to her.

**07.08 To consider the current budget, and make any recommendations to Council for the 2009-10 Estimates.**

**It was recommended to Council that £6,000 be budgeted for 2009-10 to enable the committee to continue with the current maintenance schedule and any miscellaneous items.**

**09.08 Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting would be on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.30pm