

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at 6.45pm on Thursday 12th February 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Institute. Councillors Auger, Barber Blessett, Lindfors-Windsor, Wallis and the Clerk, Mrs S Kostyrka attended. No members of the public were present.

09.08 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

10.08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None.

11.08 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th August 2008 and to report on any matters arising not included on the agenda.

It was noted that it was Cllr Barber, and not Baxter, who had trimmed the red wood tree hanging over into a resident's garden in Burghley close. It was confirmed that Melvyn Crooks had authorised this. The minutes were then signed as a true record.

It was confirmed that the Probation Team are currently attending on a weekly basis, weather permitting. They are continuing with the ongoing maintenance, and it is hoped that they will be able to re-set the kerb edges on the spring.

It was re-confirmed that the monuments were all stable as shown by the recent tople-testing exercise.

It was then recommended to Council that 16 new cremation plots will be allocated at the front of Sections D & E.

Cllr Barber and the Clerk would confirm the locations at a site meeting.

Some consideration was given to the possibility of future ashes plots to be located along the footpath edge on either side.

12.08 To report on the Cemetery Inspection.

It was reported that the Cemetery was in good condition. The hedge will need to be trimmed before the bird nesting season and the bench needs repairs. The graffiti on the notice board is to be removed. The probation Team will be asked to paint the bench in the spring. Cllr Lindfors-Windsor was thanked for doing the contractor maintenance inspections, and agreed to continue when the grass cutting season commences.

13.08 To consider the out turn of the current budget, and the 2009-10 budget and actions. Attached at Appendix 1.

Current expenditure to 31.01.09 is £3104.11 gross, thus making a good saving this year. Arrangements will be made to trim the cemetery hedge and to purchase additional tools. Income is currently at £2830.00, this being £920 above the projected budget.

It was agreed by Council on 27.11.08 to reduce expenditure by £1000 to £5000 for the forthcoming year. This is due to maintenance being provided by the Probation Team, and our current contractors, who offer excellent value for money.

14.08 To consider planting trees/bushes in the cemetery. (Cllr Lindfors-Windsor)

The committee agreed that now that this part of the cemetery is becoming established, the possible location of trees would be considered at the next site meeting on 7th May prior to recommendations being made to Council.

15.08 To consider provision for future burial ground in the village.

Consideration was given to long term burial. It was agreed that there was possibly 25 years of burial space remaining. The Clerk was asked to write to Paul Stokes from Asset and Facilities to ask if consideration could be given to any open spaces in the village particularly off Broadgate and Millfield Road as future burial ground space.

16.08 Date of next meeting.

Thursday 7th May at 7pm for a site meeting and cemetery inspection.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.20pm