

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at 6.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in the Meeting Room at the Institute. Councillors Auger, Barber (Chair) Blessett, Lindfors-Windsor, Wallis and the Clerk, Mrs S Kostyrka attended. No members of the public were present.

- 21/08 To receive apologies for absence.**  
None
- 22/08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**  
Item 4 Cllr Barber – personal, known to member.
- 23/08 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and to report on any matters arising not included on the agenda.**  
The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.
- 24/08 To consider the correspondence referred from Council regarding the Fly Tipping in the play ground part of the Cemetery.**  
It is recommended to Council and agreed that the Clerk copies the letters from residents to SKDC officers to bring their attention to the comments made in the letters and ask for a maintenance schedule for the forthcoming year for the grass cutting/hedge trimming and litter picking. The safety inspection for the playground equipment is to be confirmed. The SKDC Rangers are to be advised about the dog fouling and the PCSO asked to contact the residents to enable him to attend during problem times. The grass cuttings and other green waste is to be cleared from the site by the community team and the maintenance operative. Clerk to reply to residents.
- 25/08 To report on the Topple Testing.**  
A report is attached at Appendix 1 to this document and it is recommended to Council that the company identified by the District Surveyor be employed to carryout repairs as soon as possible within the agreed budget. The Clerk confirmed that notices advising of the testing had been displayed, along with the identified memorials.
- 26/08 To consider and agree the repairs and cost to the fence around the London Plane Tree and make recommendations to Council.**  
It was recommended to Council and unanimously agreed that expenditure be approved for £140.00 to cut away, renew and strengthen the iron railings around the tree.
- 27/08 To consider the reduction of the hedge, and replacement of the burnt Leyland and make recommendations to Council.**  
It was recommended to Council and unanimously agreed to accept that expenditure be approved for up to £500.00 to trim the top and sides of the conifers and to remove and replace the burnt bushes and to remove all waste from site.
- 29/08 To consider the position of additional plots for ashes and make recommendations to Council.**  
It was recommended to Council that the five new plots identified as Dc26 – Dc30 for the burial of ashes be agreed.
- 30/08 To receive a report on the cemetery inspections and the ongoing work of the Community Team**  
Cllr Lindfors-Windsor was thanked for carrying out the monthly inspections and observations. The community team have cleared the pile of soil dug up from graves and this has been distributed throughout the cemetery to level sunken graves. The lowering of graves, weeding and clearing the site is ongoing and the team continue to do an excellent job as highlighted in the recent newsletter.
- 31/08 To report on the budget situation**  
The budget breakdown is attached at Appendix 2 to this report.
- 32/08 Date of next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm at the cemetery for a site meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.05pm