SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES CEMETERY COMMITTEE 2 March

2010

PRESENT: Chairman: M J R Mallows Clerk: Mrs J F

Keeler

Councillors
Miss S E Clarke
K J L Cooper
E C Murray
W N Reid
R M Richmond
Mrs J G A Smith

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors W A Fell and Mrs S A Hatton.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None declared

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 November and 1 December 2009 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **ACCEPT** these minutes

VOTE: 6 FOR : 1 no vote (KJLC)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

Extra Cemetery Committee Meeting

5 – Turning Circle

Councillor K J L Cooper gave an update on the possibility of a grant towards a special feature on the turning circle. There was the possibility of applying to SCDC for an art fund grant and the National Lottery Heritage fund project for a grant of approximately £25K.

It was *AGREED* that Councillor K J L Cooper pursues the funding options and researches more into what this would involve.

5 STATE OF CEMETERY AND HUCKERIDGE VIEW

Mr A R Poole had requested a load of top soil for the Cemetery to use where some of the plots had sunk. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor K J L Cooper to take this to Full Council with a recommendation to accept this request.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

Cremation Plots

The cremation plots were discussed at length and it was decided to defer this until the next Cemetery Meeting to allow the Councillors to visit the Cemetery before discussing this again.

6 STATE OF CEMETERY CHAPEL

It was discussed that we had budgeted in 2010/2011 for the re-decorating of the Chapel and the metal railings at the entrance after April 2010. Clerk to obtain three quotations for this work.

7 PRICE REVIEW OF BURIAL COSTS

The fees were discussed in length and it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the fees are increased (see attached sheet) from April 2010 and that the Council would endeavour to keep these fees for the next three years before reviewing again in 2013.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 1 AGAINST

8 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING CEMETERY

Overgrown Grave

It was reported that there is a grave near the Chapel which is very overgrown with ivy. Mr A R Poole to be asked to see if the ivy can be removed without damaging the headstone.

Plaques in the Rose Garden

It was reported that the wood is rotting away and is looking untidy where the plaques are fixed on the fence in the Rose Garden. It was *AGREED* to make this an Agenda item for the next Cemetery Committee Meeting when the Councillors meet in the Cemetery.

9 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Cremation plots
- Plagues on fence in the Rose Garden

The meeting closed at 8.50pm