

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES  
2010

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

1 June

PRESENT:  
Keeler

Chairman: M J R Mallows

Clerk: Mrs J F

Councillors

Miss S E Clarke

K J L Cooper

W A Fell

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

D J Roberts

**1 WALK ROUND CEMETERY**

Councillors walked around the Cemetery before the start of the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs J G A Smith

**3 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor M J R Mallows was **PROPOSED** by Councillor R M Richmond and **SECONDED** by Councillor K J L Cooper for the position of Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor M J R Mallows was elected Chairman.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

**4 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Councillor R M Richmond was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke and **SECONDED** by Councillor E C Murray for the position of Vice Chairman.

As no other candidates were nominated a vote took place and Councillor R M Richmond was elected Vice Chairman.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING**

None declared

**6 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2010 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K J L Cooper and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **ACCEPT** these minutes

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

**7 MATTERS ARISING – New information only**

None

**8 STATE OF CEMETERY AND HUCKERIDGE VIEW**

**Cremation Plots**

After discussing this it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K J L Cooper and **SECONDED** by Councillor W A Fell to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to leave as it is for the present as there are 20 plots available before a decision needs to be made. This decision will be reviewed at the next Cemetery Committee Meeting.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W A Fell and **SECONDED** by Councillor K J L Cooper to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Clerk contacts the parishioner to ask if their reserved plot could be moved to plot 35 instead of plot 37 in Row C. This would move the reserved plot to the left of the grave, not the right.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

**Plaques on fence in the Rose Garden**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that a new piece of wood is purchased to fix the plaques securely and to raise this from its present position to enable the plaques to be seen more clearly. It was also suggested that the current sign is removed and replaced with a plaque on the board naming the area 'Memorial Garden' instead of rose garden.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

**Dog fouling**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Parish Council place temporary signs around the Cemetery saying 'Please clean up after your dog' with a main sign at the entrance of the Cemetery saying 'The Parish Council has received complaints about dog fouling in the Cemetery. If this problem continues we may be forced to ban dogs altogether'.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

**9 STATE OF CEMETERY CHAPEL**

Clerk to write to Mr A Wilson and his team at Country Care Services Ltd, to convey the Councillors appreciation for all their hard work in keeping the Chapel, Pavilions and Office in a very clean and tidy state.

**10 PAINTING OF CHAPEL DOORS, RAILINGS ETC**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that the Clerk obtains quotations for rubbing down and repainting the Chapel doors and a separate quotation for stripping and repainting the metal railings and gates at the entrance, ready for the next Full Parish Council Meeting in July 2010.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

## **11 UPDATE ON MEMORIALS**

Councillor Miss S E Clarke gave an update on the Memorial Trust Meeting she attended in March 2010:

- o They will give advice on work that may need to be done on memorials and advise on how to look after them
- o There is also the possibility of grants being available

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond that the Parish Council takes photographs of the War Memorial in the village around May time every year ready for the Cemetery Meeting in June to allow any discussions to take place on whether anything needs doing.

## **12 PRE-DIGGING OF EXISTING RESERVED PLOTS**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that it is added in the reservations/rules that the Parish Council cannot be responsible for the costs of digging reserved graves as they may need to be hand dug due to the location (the mechanical diggers may not be able to get to them without going over other graves). We can recommend the reserved grave is pre-dug at an extra cost as pre-dug graves would then be readily accessible.

It was also **RECOMMENDED** that the Parish Council writes to all those parishioners who have reserved plots to let them know that it may not be possible to dig with a mechanical digger and that there may be some considerable cost to have it dug by hand.

**VOTE: 8 FOR (UNANIMOUS)**

## **13 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING CEMETERY**

None

## **14 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**