

# SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

EXTRA CEMETERY COMMITTEE

5 April 2011

**PRESENT:**            Chairman:     M J R Mallows                    Snr Asst. Clerk:   Mrs G A Pack

Councillors  
Miss S E Clarke  
W A Fell  
E C Murray  
W N Reid  
Mrs J G A Smith

## 1        **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K J L Cooper and R M Richmond.

## 2        **DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING**

None declared

## 3        **PRE-DIGGING CHARGE (TO BE INCORPORATED IN COST OF RESERVING PLOTS)**

After much discussion it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W N Reid that the cost of reserving a maximum of one plot at the time of a burial would remain at £100.00 for the Purchase of Exclusive Rights but the cost of pre-digging would be added at the prevailing cost at the time of request.

**VOTE:**        **6 FOR**        :        **(UNANIMOUS)**

Due to the fact that eventually there will be two reservation plots that will become landlocked for pre-digging that were reserved in April 2008 and April 2010 it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and **SECONDED** by Councillor W A Fell that these two plots would be the responsibility of the Parish Council to bear the cost of pre-digging. The relatives would be advised, well in advance, of the date and time this pre-digging procedure would take place.

**VOTE:**        **6 FOR**        :        **(UNANIMOUS)**

## 4        **COST OF CONCRETE PLINTHS FOR HEADSTONES**

It was **AGREED** that there would not be any need to buy more headstone base plinths as Funeral Directors were using their own as the plinths needed to be custom drilled for each individual headstone. As this is the case the Parish Council plinths could be re-used to mark the plots.

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor E C Murray and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke that the Parish Council writes to all Stone Masons requesting that when they remove the Parish Council's base plinths they are stacked in the storage area behind the skip. With this procedure in place it will avoid charges being made as all base plinths will be re-used.

**VOTE:        6 FOR        :        (UNANIMOUS)**

## **5        CEMETERY RULES FOR HUCKERIDGE VIEW**

Due to the recent problems in Huckeridge View regarding the rules not being adhered to it was decided that the layout of the form was changed to make it clearer to both Funeral Directors and relatives.

**The meeting closed at 8.06pm**