

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

31 May 2011

PRESENT:

Chairman: M J R Mallows

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Miss S E Clarke

K J L Cooper

W A Fell

Mrs S A Hatton

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

D J Roberts

Mrs J G A Smith

1 WALK ROUND THE CEMETERY

Councillors walked around the Cemetery before the start of the meeting

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

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: 10 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 Mrs S A Hatton 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: 10 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None declared

6 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2011 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: 8 FOR : 2 ABSTENTIONS

The minutes of the Extra meeting held on 5 April 2011 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: 8 FOR : 2 ABSTENTIONS

7 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

8 STATE OF CEMETERY AND HUCKERIDGE VIEW

Councillor Mrs S A Hatton said the Cemetery was a credit to the ground staff and Chairman of Cemetery, Councillor M J R Mallows, for the excellent condition of the Cemetery

Clerk to ask Mr A R Poole, Head Groundsman, to cut the hedge at the back of Spicers Pavilion and to put the sign back up by the turning circle which is lying on the ground.

Councillor M J R Mallows explained there are two trees that had been planted that are now dead and also half of the yew hedge is dead. The Parish Council would like these replaced, if possible. Clerk to contact Mr P Jackson from Scotsdales to come and take a look and ask him to replace them in the autumn.

Councillor M J R Mallows also explained that there are a lot of daisies in the grass at Huckeridge View. Mr A R Poole would like to spray this area to remove them. It was discussed and **PROPOSED** by Councillor W N Reid and **SECONDED** by Councillor W A Fell that Mr A R Poole purchases the chemicals to do this under Chairman's Actions.

VOTE: 10 FOR (UNANIMOUS)

9 STATE OF THE CEMETERY CHAPEL

Nothing to report

10 LETTER RECEIVED FROM MRS S CHURCHMAN

Mrs Churchman had contacted Councillor M J R Mallows and met him along with her family up at the Cemetery to discuss Mr Churchman's grave. Councillor M J R Mallows explained to them that the stones around the grave are a H & S issue when the ground staff are strimming around the graves which Mrs Churchman understood.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Mrs Churchman to thank her for meeting with Councillor M J R Mallows and that the issues raised have all now been resolved.

11 COUNCILLORS ISSUES CONCERNING CEMETERY

Councillor W N Reid asked if at each Cemetery meeting the Clerk provides them with a list of burials and cremations since the previous meeting.

Councillor Miss S E Clarke explained that the top of the Memorial Cross is crumbling away and may need attention, and agreed to look into grants that may be available. Councillor Miss S E Clarke also asked if other Councillors would take a look at the cross for their views.

12 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

The meeting closed at 8.10pm