

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

1 November 2011

PRESENT:

Chairman: M J R Mallows

Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Miss S E Clarke

W A Fell

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

Mrs J G A Smith

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K J L Cooper and Mrs S A Hatton.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None declared

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2011 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor W A Fell and **SECONDED** by Councillor R M Richmond to **ACCEPT** these minutes

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

Councillor M J R Mallows explained that some of the yew hedge in the cemetery had died; Mr P Jackson from Scotsdales has been out to look at them and agreed to replace them. There are two beech trees that were also supplied by Scotsdales that have died and need to be removed. Mr P Jackson will be in touch with Councillor M J R Mallows to discuss the course of action.

Councillor E C Murray asked the trees to be an Agenda item for the next Cemetery Meeting to discuss Mr P Jackson's reply.

5 BUDGET SETTING FOR THE YEAR 2012/2013

Total Expenditure : £10,700

Income : £2,425

Total budget for 2012/13 : £8,275 – no increase

6 MAIN CEMETERY GATES

Councillor M J R Mallows explained that when visiting the Cemetery people are leaving the gates opened. Councillors M J R Mallows and E C Murray checked the gates and found they were difficult to close as they were grinding into the tarmac, and needed lifting to close.

The Parish Council obtained a quotation from Tomlinson Steel at a cost of £416.00 + VAT, to remove and repair the gates and posts.

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor W A Fell and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor R M Richmond to have the gates and posts repaired at this cost.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

7 MORTUARY SHED

The shed has been recently refurbished to allow it to be used by the Groundstaff. The area in front of the shed needs some attention and it was originally suggested to have it concreted. It was discussed that the Parish Council could lay interlocking plastic matting that would allow the grass to grow through.

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor R M Richmond and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor W A Fell that quotations are obtained for this plastic matting.

VOTE: 7 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

8 CEMETERY TREES

Already discussed in 'Matters Arising'

9 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING CONCERNING CEMETERY ONLY

Hedge in the Cemetery by the College needs cutting back as it is covering some head stones. Clerk to ask Mr A R Poole to cut back as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm