

SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

4 November 2014

PRESENT:

Chairman: M J R Mallows

Parish Clerk: Mrs J F Keeler

Councillors

Miss S E Clarke

W A Fell

E C Murray

W N Reid

R M Richmond

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor:

Cllr K J L Cooper : Prior engagement

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2014 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 STATE OF CEMETERY AND HUCKERIDGE VIEW

All Councillors agreed the Cemetery looked good and was very tidy. The only comment Councillor E C Murray made was that the grass around the new Sculpture looked untidy and felt that an alternative to grass would be better.

This was discussed and it was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish by Councillor W A Fell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Miss S E Clarke that the grass is replaced with sedum.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

6 LETTER FROM RELATIVE RE BURIAL PLOT IN HUCKERIDGE VIEW

Councillor M J R Mallows explained the situation with the parishioner who felt that she was being treated unfairly regarding letters generated from the Office asking her to remove fencing from the burial plot and also to reduce the size of the allowable garden. Councillor M J R Mallows had paperwork to prove that many other relatives had also been sent

reminder letters of the rules as well, and confirmed that most had complied with requests that had been sent.

It was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Full Council by Councillor W A Fell and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor W N Reid that the Clerk replies to the relative to advise that regular checks are made on the cemetery and anyone who is not adhering to the rules is contacted. When writing to relatives in the future it was also suggested that the first letter sent should have a heading '**Cemetery Infringement Notice**' and if aⁱ second letter needs to be sent it has a heading '**Cemetery Enforcement Notice**'.

VOTE: 6 FOR : (UNANIMOUS)

7 BUDGET SETTING FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016

The Committee went through the budget sheets and it was ***PROPOSED*** to ***RECOMMEND*** to Finance & General Purposes Committee by Councillor R M Richmond and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor W A Fell a budget of £11,050.00

**8 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:
CONCERNING CEMETERY ONLY**

None

Meeting closed at 8.25pm
