

WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Committee Room at Wimborne Minster Town Hall on
Friday 12 February 2016

Present: Cllr. S. Cook – Chairman
 Cllr. S. Cowsill Cllr. L. Harvey
 Cllr. S. Kerley Cllr. E. Urquhart
 Mrs P. Holloway – Clerk & Registrar
 Mr Steve Corkhill – Cemetery Superintendent

15/53 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None

15/54 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

15/55 SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2015

No matters were raised, therefore the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2015 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record

15/56 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A verbal report was given by the Superintendent. The yew trees have now been completed regarding the cutting/trimming of these and the superintendent feels that the grounds are now beginning to look better despite the winter weather. A programme has been started regarding the "topple testing" in which headstones will be examined for safety reasons and a report will be compiled after which quotes can be obtained to carry out the repairs. Starting motor on one tractor will have to be repaired shortly. Discussions between the superintendent and the Lodge tenant have taken place with regards to the cutting of overgrown shrubs and bushes within the Lodge grounds and this work will be carried out when suitable. Cllr. Harvey asked about the dead trees along Cemetery Road, of which the superintendent was aware and these will be removed.

15/57 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOV 2015, DEC 2015 AND JAN 2016

Copies had been given to councillors for approval and signing
 Cllr Harvey asked the reason for extra waste bin collections, the Clerk advised this was due to the excessive waste when cutting the yew trees.

RESOLVED to approve financial reports for Nov 2015, Dec 2015 and Jan 2016

Voting: Unanimous

15/58 GRAVE MARKERS

The notice to stonemasons regarding engraving the grave numbers on the reverse of headstones was discussed. The committee upheld the decision not to purchase further grave markers as they are not suitable and are inadequate for the purpose intended. Should this extra engraving incur any additional costs to the stonemason, it was

RESOLVED to pay such costs and this would be deducted from the memorial fee.

Voting: Unanimous

15/59 BAT REPORT

Cllr. Cook spoke of this report and asked the committee for support in placing bat boxes at the cemetery. Cllr. Cook will pursue funding for this and it was

RESOLVED to support this project

Voting: Unanimous

Cllr Cowsill and Steve Corkhill left the meeting at 11.14 a.m.

15/60 CLERKS REPORT

- a) Minute number 15/06 – advert for the testing of memorials was discussed under the superintendent’s report. This will be an ongoing programme.
- b) Minute number 15/08c & 15/44 – further quotes were obtained for the roof repairs to the Chapel/Workshop and this work will be carried out on 17/18/19 Feb 2016, weather permitting.
- c) Minute number 15/34b – asset valuation currently being updated.

15/61 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/AOB

The Clerk informed councillors that the gentleman who is going around Britain on a mobility scooter (with two cats) had visited Wimborne Cemetery and both the Clerk and Superintendent had met him. This is a fund raising event and is photographing and cataloguing war graves and memorials.

15/62 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

This has been arranged for Friday 27 May 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.22 p.m.