

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD AT ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL, LYNDHURST CEMETERY ON 23 MAY 2011 AT 6.00 PM

Present: Mr P Boyes, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell and the Revd Dr C Wilkins.

In Attendance: Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Butcher, Mrs H Klaassen, Mr Rollé and Mrs Trend.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: That Mr Boyes be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED: That Mr Cornell be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 7 October 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising

(a) *Wall of Remembrance Plaques*

The Clerk reported that Lockerley Stone were shortly to replace the first batch of a large number of plaques stolen in 2010. Care would have to be taken to ensure that they were reinstated in the correct position. It was also understood that plaques were being commissioned at a very favourable rate from Timpsons.

(b) *Cemetery Revenue*

In answer to a question from Mr Cornell, the Clerk reported that only £230 revenue had been taken so far at the Cemetery during the current financial year. However, it was noted that in recent years revenue had risen from £3,000 to £18,000 although this figure could not be depended upon.

7. Outline of Progress Made to Date

The Cemetery Committee Chairman reported that the following items had been purchased since the last meeting: altar, candlesticks and cross, curtains and new candle holders. Work on the Roman Catholic area was almost complete and three other areas had been completed. Work was still ongoing in the old part of the Cemetery. Landscaping had been completed in several areas. A leak in the Chapel roof had been mended and some tiles on the lych gate and chapel had been renewed. The nuisance caused by rabbits had received attention. There were adders present in the Cemetery and these were being dealt with as appropriate.

8. Outline and confirmation of future progress/plans

The small gates needed attention and the water tank tops would be renewed and the tanks cleaned out. It was proposed to provide wooden identification crosses for all unmarked graves. The road needed refurbishment and this would be a major item. More trees and roses would be planted as required. Section posts and mapping would be completed with the aid of Mr Michael Grant. The floor and porch of the chapel would be repainted. Grave masonry would be cleaned as necessary with materials as advised by the War Graves Commission. Green chippings would be purchased to enhance graves where maintenance work had been commissioned by the grave owner. Path gravel (or similar) would be laid on the Cemetery paths as necessary.

RESOLVED: That authorised be given for the above work, dependent on future income.

9. Any Other Business

(a) *Repair of Gravestone Crosses*

Mr Cornell reiterated his concern expressed earlier in the meeting regarding the repair of gravestone crosses as he considered, from the description given by Mr Boyes, that the repairs had not been carried out to a high enough standard. In his opinion heavy stone crosses must be reset into their original sockets or be dowelled. Mr Boyes stated that he had reset the stones in accordance with Government guidelines and regulations and would take full responsibility for the work undertaken.

(b) *Brochure*

Mr Cornell asked if any progress had been made on production of an information brochure to be used as a way of increasing revenue and informing the public about the Chapel.

RESOLVED: That Mr Boyes and the Rev Dr Wilkins work together on this project.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date