

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CEMETERY
COMMITTEE HELD AT 45 THE MEADOWS,
LYNDHURST ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2007 AT
7.00 PM

PRESENT

Mr D Newport (Chairman), Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes and Mr E Gailor.

Mrs M Weston – Clerk to the Council.

DECLARATIONS
OF INTEREST

None.

APOLOGIES FOR
ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mrs A Butcher.

MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24 January 2007, having been circulated, were agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

(a) John Whitcher Memorial Stone

The Clerk stated that this stone had now been moved to the adjoining plot, an amicable agreement having been made with all parties concerned.

(b) Forest Pony

It was noted that, following the discovery that a forest pony that had been gaining entry to the Cemetery by jumping the wall, the owner had agreed to remove it to another area.

(c) Pipe feeding Gas Cylinder

It was noted that Mr Boyes had fitted a new pipe to one of the gas cylinders.

WATER SUPPLY

Discussion took place regarding the proposals for the supply of water to the cemetery and the possibility of installing a new tank at the back of the Chapel.

RESOLVED: That Mr Boyes explore the possibility of supply and costs involved in providing a new tank.

CEMETERY
MAINTENANCE

It was agreed that the maintenance programme was being adhered to at the present time.

GRASS CUTTING
CONTRACT

Quotations for three cuts during 2007 had been received as follows:

Lyndhurst Landscaping	£2076.00 + VAT
James Malcom & Son	£2,376.00
Cannon Horticulture	£4,500.00 + VAT
TVBC/NFDC	£5,325.00

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Lyndhurst Landscaping

CEMETERY RECORDS

The Clerk had made enquiries to see if a new map could be provided, but to no avail.

RESOLVED: To place an advertisement in the Community Centre “What’s On” to see if a local person could be found to help with preparation of a new map.

SAFETY AUDIT

Mr Boyes reported that he had conducted a safety audit on every memorial stone in the cemetery. Stones that he had considered to be unsafe had been laid carefully onto their corresponding graves.

RESOLVED: That Mr Boyes purchase a suitable book to be used as a log to note unsafe headstones. Wherever possible the owners of the graves would be contacted to alert them to the need for remedial action.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Brambles and Rubbish

Mr Boyes reported that there were still brambles and some rubbish accumulated around the Cemetery but that he would undertake to liase with Mr Malcom regarding removal.

(b) Solar Lighting

The Clerk reported that she had observed at least one solar light on a grave.

RESOLVED: To ask the grave owner to remove the solar light and that no further lights of this type be allowed in the Cemetery.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(c) Tree Branch

The Clerk reported that a branch of a tree had fallen over the wall and was hanging outside the Cemetery. One of the large blocks on the wall had also fallen off. Mr Malcom had undertaken to remove both.

RESOLVED: To draw Mr Malcom’s attention to the urgency of remedial action.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

Mr Newport stated that as an election was pending he did not propose to call another Committee meeting until a later date.

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

Chairman _____

Date _____