

## LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on Wednesday, 11 June 2014 at 3.00 pm at Lyndhurst Community Centre.

**Present:** Mr A Wiltshire, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell and the Revd Dr C Wilkins.

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

### **1. Election of Chairman**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Charlesworth proposed, seconded by Mrs Butcher, that Mr Wiltshire be elected Chairman. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Wiltshire is elected Chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr M Rollé, Mrs H Klaassen and Mrs A Trend.

### **Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 17 October 2013, having been circulated, were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### *Pictures for the Chapel*

The Revd Dr Wilkins said she had the matter of pictures for the Cemetery Chapel in hand and was waiting for appropriate frames.

### **5. Maintenance Programme**

It was noted that Kevin Bennett (Weed It and Reap) was doing an excellent job maintaining the Cemetery. At this time of the year it was not possible to keep up with all the work that needed doing within the allotted hours.

**RESOLVED:** That as the present system seemed to be working well the Committee would continue with the contract with Weed It and Reap.

### **6. Cemetery Chapel**

It was noted that there was a small plant growing out of the Chapel roof and discussion took place about the best way forward to treat the area once the plant had been removed. There were also holes in one of the downpipes.

**RESOLVED:** To contact Sam Whitehorn and ask him to take forward his previous recommendation to remove the plant, clean and repoint the area and treat as necessary. His quotation for the work had been £220 and it was hoped that he would hold to this amount.

It was noted that the altar cloth had become stained. The Clerk undertook to remove it, clean it and store it in the Chapel.

## **7. Update on Electricity/Water Supply**

Mr Wiltshire explained that because of the nature of the ground in this area any supply would need to be trenched and that two services could be laid in the same trench. Once in the Cemetery grounds care would have to be taken to avoid graves and it was thought advisable to bring the electricity into the Chapel via the back door entrance. Three estimates would be obtained for the trenching work and information would be sought regarding grant aid availability. Mr Wiltshire had been informed that the cricket club supply would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the Cemetery as well. Southern Water would charge £336 just for an application and there would also be a connection charge.

It might be possible to use a submersible pump system for the water supply.

## **8. Tree Work**

It was noted that written permission had now been obtained to remove two trees in the Cemetery.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact Martin Witney to ascertain when he would be able to do the work and the cost involved.

## **9. Any Other Business**

### **(a) Disabled Access**

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of providing better disabled access to the Cemetery but it was not thought feasible at the present time.

### **(b) Chapel Charges**

Discussion took place regarding the charge for use of the Chapel and it was agreed that the present fee of £120 was acceptable and should be levied on all users.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_