

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS, CEMETERY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2006 IN THE PARISH CENTRE, COMMENCING 7.30PM

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor J Blackburn, Councillors J Roper and I Skidmore

2006/10 APOLOGIES: Councillor M Benson (other commitments)

2006/11 IN ATTENDANCE:
Rebecca Leeming (Clerk), Lorraine Ellis (Asst Clerk) and Chris Wright (Allotments Association)

2006/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2006:
The minutes of the meeting, having been reviewed at Full Council on 31st January 2006 were taken as read and duly signed.

2006/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
ANSA have confirmed that the drainage work on the allotments has been completed.

The Clerk has met with Mrs Cole who has confirmed a donation of £100 towards the cost of the planting on both sides of the riverbank. Plants to be used are Pyracantha and Blackthorn.

The Clerk is currently reviewing previous correspondence on the banding exercise and will shortly discuss this with the Allotments Association.

It was reported that the overgrown holly tree at the Cemetery had been removed.

2006/14 ALLOTMENT ITEMS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION:
The Association's Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Friday 24th February 2006 at which time the winners of the 'best kept allotment' will be presented with their certificates.

The Association are still to contact Longcroft Allotments in Welwyn Garden City regarding pigeons on the allotments.

2006/15 CEMETERY ITEMS:
The Clerk reported that the contract for grass-cutting had gone to tender.

It was suggested that an area could be designated in un-consecrated ground for a pet cemetery. The Clerk to research whether this would be feasible.

A review of the future capacity of the Cemetery should be carried out. The Clerk to arrange this.

2006/16 CHURCHYARD ITEMS:
The Clerk to write to Mr Swift acknowledging his recent letter. As the Parish Council are responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard we should ask for a degree of certification that the work on the new Church House was completed satisfactorily.

Under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY MEETING:

The Clerk reported that our Solicitor is currently researching the length of ownership of the said property. This item will be further discussed at the March meeting.

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

**Signed.....Chairman
(Allotments, Cemetery and General Purposes Committee)**

Date:.....2006