

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

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor J Blackburn, Councillors M Benson, S Butler and I Skidmore

2006/18 **APOLOGIES:** Councillor J Roper (other commitments) and Chris Wright (Allotment Association)

2006/19 **IN ATTENDANCE:**
Rebecca Leeming (Clerk), Lorraine Ellis (Asst Clerk) and John Wardley (Allotment Association)

2006/20 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2006:**
The minutes of the meeting, having been reviewed at Full Council on 28th February 2006 were taken as read and duly signed.

2006/21 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
The planting of pyracantha and blackthorn at the riverside will be carried out shortly. The Clerk reported that youths had again been causing vandalism on the allotments, the PCSO has been informed.

A meeting will be held shortly with the Clerk and Chris Wright to discuss the banding exercise.

The Clerk reported that three quotations had been received for the grass-cutting tender. It was decided that the Council would accept the quotation from Gearings, the Company who have held the contract for the year 2006/2007. The position will be reviewed at budget time.

The Clerk is investigating the possibility of a pet cemetery. It was suggested that the local vet may be able to provide some guidance on procedures and whether it would be feasible to have a pet cemetery in the Parish.

A response is still awaited from the Church Warden.

It was reported that a further quotation for clearance of the churchyard wall has been requested.

2006/22 **ALLOTMENT ITEMS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION:**
The Association requested that when the skip is delivered to the allotments that it is positioned far enough in so that the gates can be closed. The Head Groundsman will mark out the area prior to the next skip delivery.

It was requested that the water at the allotments be turned back on at the start of April. The Assistant Clerk to arrange.

The waiting list for allotments currently stands at 14 with no vacant plots at present.

It was reported that sales in the hut are excellent and that membership of the Association is at a good level. The Clerk requested additional membership forms in order for them to be issued when allotments are allocated.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Allotment Association's Annual General Meeting recently. The relationship between the Association and the Parish Council is very positive. Following the judging of the

allotments in July, the Chairman was able to present a certificate to one of the prize winners.

An allotment inspection will take place at 11.30am on Sunday 9th April 2006.

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CEMETERY ITEMS:

The Clerk reported that the grave-digging charge will increase from April to £155 with an additional charge of £50 for any non standard coffins.

No response has been received from Countryside Management regarding tree planting onto the newly landscaped area at the Cemetery.

It was reported that a request had been received for sponsorship for our new trees. Due to the number of trees due to be planted it does not appear feasible as there is only a restricted area where trees could actually be planted.

The Clerk will investigate green burials and the possible use of the woodland at the Cemetery. Consideration could be given to ashes being poured in the woodland with the possibility of having a Book of Remembrance.

The Council's Solicitor has written providing fees for registering land. The Clerk will report at Full Council the potential cost and the sites that require registering.

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CHURCHYARD ITEMS:

None

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 FEBRUARY MEETING:

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the occupants and was awaiting their response.

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.24pm.

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

Date:.....2006