

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS, CEMETERY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16th MAY 2006 IN THE PARISH CENTRE, COMMENCING 7.30PM

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor J Blackburn and Councillors S Butler and J Roper

2006/37 **APOLOGIES:** Councillor M Benson (other commitments), Councillor I Skidmore (illness), Rebecca Findlay, Clerk (holiday) and Chris Wright (Allotment Association)

2006/38 **IN ATTENDANCE:**
Lorraine Ellis (Asst Clerk) and John Wardley (Allotment Association)

2006/39 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th APRIL 2006:**
The minutes of the meeting, having been reviewed at Full Council on 25TH April 2006 were taken as read and duly signed by the Chairman at this meeting..

2006/40 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
Progress on planting at ‘pipe’ at the Allotments
Part of the planting of the pyracantha and blackthorn at the riverside is still outstanding due to garden waste being left on the allotment side of the river.

Banding exercise

The Clerk to contact Chris Wright to arrange a meeting to discuss the banding exercise.

Pet Cemetery

Councillor Butler will assist the Clerk in carrying out further research into the possibility of having a pet cemetery in Welwyn.

St Mary’s Church Project

The Committee and the Clerk are shortly to meet with Mr Swift, the Church Warden and the Architect on site to discuss progress made to date and to observe what has been carried out.

Churchyard wall

Clearance at the churchyard wall will be reviewed at the forthcoming site visit. All waste is to be removed following completion of the clearance work.

Green burials

The Chairman will discuss with the Clerk the possibility of green burials in the woodland area as further information is required.

2006/41 **ALLOTMENT ITEMS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION:**

The Allotment Association thanked the Parish Council for arranging for the new fencing at the allotments.

Following a recent review of the allotments by the Association it was reported that the plots highlighted as needing attention were now being worked. One plot is still to be allocated but this will need to be rotovated before allocation.

Judging of the allotments will be carried out at 11.30am on Sunday 23rd July 2006.

The Association reported that they have appointed a new Secretary whose name is Margaret Temple.

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CEMETERY ITEMS:

It was reported that the upper section of the Cemetery was overgrown and that rubbish had been left there. The Chairman will visit the Cemetery and report his findings to the Clerk

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CHURCHYARD ITEMS:

The Clerk is requested to follow up on the recent communication on cleaning and renovating the War Memorial and arrange for a quotation for the work.

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'NAME', SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE:

The view of the Committee is that the name of the Committee should be Allotments, Cemetery and Churchyard Committee and that the remit should include the War Memorial. The Committee would meet as and when required.

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.21pm.

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

Date:.....2006