

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS, CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006 IN THE PARISH CENTRE, COMMENCING 7.30PM**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor M Benson (other commitments), Rebecca Findlay Clerk (Holiday)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Ellis, Asst Clerk, Amanda Lane and Chris Wright (Allotment Association)

**2006/52 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006:**  
The minutes of the meeting, having been reviewed, were taken as read and duly signed by the Chairman at this meeting.

**2006/53 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**  
**Progress on planting at ‘pipe’ at the Allotments**  
Clerk to arrange removal of debris at riverbank in order for the remainder of the planting to take place.

**Cleaning of War Memorial**  
A response, is still awaited from Austin Memorials, The Clerk to follow up requesting professional advice on the cleaning of the War Memorial.

**Progress from the inspection of the Cemetery**  
Clerk to investigate whether or not the three graves with tilting headstones are being **tendered to by relatives**. The headstones need to be secured for safety reasons.

**2006/54 ALLOTMENT ITEMS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND THE COMMITTEE:**

Clerk to contact Chris Wright to set up a meeting regarding the banding exercise.

It was reported that there are 18 people on the waiting list for allotments. The Clerk to consider the possibility of purchasing additional land for use as allotments.

The Allotment Association are holding a social gathering on the 15<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate the end of season.

It was reported that wasps were in a compost bin at the allotments. The removal of the wasps would be at the Allotment Holders expense.

The judging of the Allotments will take place at 11:30am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2006.

Chris Wright thanked the Assistant Clerk for all her hard work and expressed how grateful the Allotment Association are.

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**CEMETERY ITEMS:**

**Autumn planting of trees**

Advice has been sought from Countryside Management regarding the planting of the new trees at the Cemetery. No response has been received. The Clerk to contact a local Arborologist for advice on suitable trees. Funds have been set aside in this years budget for planting.

**Ellesfield**

It was reported that the tree house had been removed.

The Clerk to arrange for the organic rubbish to be removed as whilst it remains additional rubbish is being added.

It was agreed that the Tenancy of Will should be completed but that it should be stated clearly that it would not be transferable once the house was sold. The cost for this would be £200 + VAT with an annual rental fee of £5.00. The Council would be responsible for the cost of the Land Search and advice received from the Solicitor.

During part of cleaner Welwyn Week the Cemetery was cleared of weeds and general rubbish and its appearance is much improved especially at the entrance.

As the waiting room is rarely used the Clerk to investigate the possibility of removing the structure to create additional burial space. The Clerk to report on possible costs for the demolition of the structure.

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**CHURCHYARD ITEMS:**

None

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**BUDGET FOR 2007**

The Committee were asked to consider items for the 2007 Budget, these will be discussed at the August Meeting.

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.31pm.

Signed.....Chairman  
(Allotments, Cemetery and Churchyard Committee)

Date:.....2006