

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Burial Board held on Monday 18th July 2008 at 6.30pm at The Cemetery

PRESENT: Councillors D Holley (Chairman), R Austin, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT:- Councillors P Clements, M Gee
Mr D Bartlett (Grounds person)
Mr B Jones (St Stephens PCC)
Mr J Reid (St PStephens PCC)
Mr D Fowell (Funeral Director)
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

01/08/09 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Holley takes the Chair for this meeting.

02/08/09 **ANNUAL INSPECTION OF CEMETERY**

During the inspection, the Clerk reported that a few letters of complaint had been received concerning the appearance of the cemetery. There had also been some complaints and the roses had been cut. These are planted in the grass and because of the height of the grass, the new Grounds Person had not seen them and had cut them down. He had cut the ivy on the gravestones and this is now dying back and then it will be removed. It was **AGREED:-**

- (i) that the complaints had mainly arisen during the interim period of appointing a new Grounds Person, as the cemetery was generally looking good and still improving and that this is conveyed to those who had complained.
- (ii) that a proper rose bed is made and any roses that had been cut are replaced by the Council.
- (iii) to remove the extra earth spoil from the site.

03/08/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

04/08/09 **BUDGET MONITORING**

The budget monitoring report and it was **AGREED** that the report is noted as all budget headings were underspent.

05/08/09 **PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT**

Mr Bartlett stated that he would like a second strimmer. It was **RECOMMENDED** that another strimmer is purchased at a cost of £527.

06/08/09 **WEED SPRAYING**

Mr Bartlett asked if weed spraying would be permitted around the graves. It was **AGREED:-**

- (a) that weed spraying is permitted, provided an environmental friendly spray is used
- (b) Mr Bartlett attends a course for using weed spray
- (c) Weed sprayer and appropriate protective clothing are purchased

07/08/09 **EXTENSION TO CEMETERY**

Councillor Austin updated the meeting on the proposed purchase of additional land for an extension to the cemetery.

08/08/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged