

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Burial Board held on Tuesday 30th March 2009 at 7:00pm at The Guildhall

PRESENT: Reverend A Butler (Chairman) R Austin, D Holley, Mrs S Hooper MBE
P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT:- Mr J Reid (St Stephens PCC)
Mr B Jones (St Stephens PCC)
Mr D Fowell (Undertaker)
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)
Mr D Bartlett (Grounds Person)

37/08/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

38/08/09 INSPECTION OF CEMETERY

An inspection of the area around the tomb was undertaken. The Clerk reported that Mr Price from the District Council had been unable to put any funds to the repair. Reverend Butler stated that the Church could possibly help with the cost of removing the oil tank. It was felt that because of the Health and Safety issue something had to be done. The Clerk reported that the family had removed the wooden surround to a grave when requested to do so. It was noted that sub-soil is still being left at the cemetery as the firm concerned do not have a licence for tipping. Some fly-tipping and lopping of trees is taking place by residents in Killigrew Avenue. Mr Bartlett reported that he has put in the new rose bed and had been asked for three new roses which had been purchased.

It was **AGREED:-**

- (a) to speak with Mr Moore, the Conservation Officer, and ask if it is possible to undertake a temporary repair whilst looking for further funding.
- (b) to enquire the procedure for delisting the tomb
- (c) to write to thank the volunteers who undertook the tidying at the cemetery.
- (d) the Clerk will make further enquires to see if the fir tree in the section maintained by the District Council is considered to be safe as it is leaning.
- (e) the Grounds Person is asked to trim the hedge next to the path
- (f) the Council recorded their thanks to Mr Bartlett for his efforts in keeping the cemetery in such a well maintained condition.

- (g) Mr Fowell will speak with the grave diggers to stop tipping sub-soil at the cemetery. The Clerk will follow up the removal of the sub-soil already tipped. He will also ask them to stack their boards neatly.
- (h) a letter to be sent to the residents in Killigrew Avenue asking that they inform the Council if they see anyone fly-tipping or lopping trees in the cemetery as legal action will be taken.

39/08/09 LOCATION FOR NOTICE BOARD

It was **AGREED** that a free-standing notice board is placed near the double doors and prices will be obtained for the next meeting.

40/08/09 SEATING

Locations were sought for seats being donated. It was felt that the metal seat on the first corner needs to be replaced and a second seat is required near the burial of ashes of the bottom end of the cemetery.

41/08/09 EXTENSION TO CEMETERY

Councillor Austin outlined the latest position regarding the extension to the cemetery. It was **AGREED** that:-

- (a) the conditions for use of the extension should include that sub-soil from grave digging must be removed.
- (b) investigate the cost of slots in which to erect headstones.

42/08/09 REPAIRS TO TOMB IN CHURCHYARD

This had been considered during the inspection of the cemetery.

43/08/09 TREES

Sylvannus are to cut the trees down on the 7th April. Mr Reid will organize a working party.

44/08/09 WEED SPRAYING

The Clerk reported that Mr Bartlett now felt that weed spraying was inappropriate at the cemetery. It was **AGREED** that the previous decision to undertake spraying is not implemented.

45/08/09 TO CONSIDER REPLACING TRACTOR/STRIMMER

The Clerk reported that the tractor has again gone in for repair and will cost about £350. It was originally estimated that it would last about five years and was purchased about four years ago. There was a discussion as to what should happen if the tractor goes wrong again and it was **AGREED** that estimates are obtained for replacement and also leasehold and part-exchange and consideration given to keeping the tractor as a reserve.

The strimmer has been repaired and it was **AGREED** that up to another £100 in repairs is permitted before considering replacement.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st June 2009 at 7.00 pm at the Cemetery

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: