

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Burial Board held on Monday 30th November 2009 at 7.00pm at The Guildhall

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor D Holley
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)
Mr J Reid (St Stephens PCC)

APOLOGIES: Mr D Fowell (Funeral Director), Mr B Jones

23/09/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Austin declared a personal interest in Minute No. 25/09/10 as he is taking the lead in the cemetery project. Councillor Killeya declared an interest in the same Minute number as he is on the allotment waiting list and will be allocated one of the allotments on the site.

24/09/10 TOMB

Mr Reid reported that he had written to Cornwall Council regarding the tomb. They have erected a fence around both tombs and put a net cover over the top of the Tucker tomb, and they are looking for funders to undertake the work. There is, therefore, nothing further that the Burial Board can do. He had also written to the Mausoleum Trust, who supports anything that can be done, but do not have any finance to put to the project. Councillor Mrs Hooper thanked Mr Reid for the work he has undertaken to get work carried out to the tomb, and asked that he forward copies of any future correspondence to the office for information.

25/09/10 EXTENSION TO CEMETERY

- (a) The project is getting to a stage when tenders can go out. Tenders for site surveys have been received and are now being looked at by the Town Council. Once these have been accepted in the New Year, full design drawings will be produced. It is hoped that by April contractors will be appointed and that the cemetery will be ready for use by January 2011.
- (b) The next meeting of the Sub-Committee to look at Regulations will be 14th December at 7pm
- (c) Reverend Butler stated that closure of the existing cemetery or part of it will require an Order of the Privy Council. This is something which the new Committee will need to consider when it begins to meet in May next year.

26/09/10 HANDRAIL

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the quotation from Cosgrove be accepted for a handrail on the steps at a cost of £150.

27/09/10 NOTICE BOARD

The Clerk reported that the notice board is to be fitted on 10th December.

28/09/10 DONATION OF SEAT

Reverend Butler stated that he has been offered a memorial seat to replace the iron seat on the corner just up from the church and it was **AGREED** that:-

- (a) The seat is accepted.
- (b) If other seats are offered, then these may be accepted for the new extension.

29/09/10 REVIEW OF CHARGES

- (a) It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Burial Board fee for burial and burial of ashes is increased by 10 per cent from 1st January 2010.
- (b) The charges for reopening were considered and it was **AGREED** that this is left to the Regulations Sub-Committee to decide in future.

30/09/10 PRECEPT 2010/11

The draft precept was considered and it was **AGREED** that it is now put forward to the Policy and Resources Committee Precept Meeting for further discussion.

31/09/10 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- (a) A letter was reported congratulating the Grounds Person on the upkeep of the cemetery and this was endorsed by the Committee. It was **AGREED** that this is conveyed to the Grounds Person.
- (b) There is a dead cherry tree near the War Memorial and Cornwall Council will be notified as it is in the closed section.
- (c) The roots of a tree near the side gate is lifting the tarmac path and the boundary wall is bulging. It was **AGREED** that Mr Hine is asked to look at this and delegated authority is given to the Chairman, Clerk and Mr Reid to address the issue up to a cost of £1,000.
- (d) Gravel and a plastic surround have been added to an ashes plot. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk writes to the family asking for this to be removed.

- (e) It was **AGREED** that the new hedge looks good and that a letter should go to Mr Maunder to thank him for a very good job.
- (f) Soil is still being tipped in the middle of the cemetery and this must stop. It was **AGREED** to ask the Grounds Person to ensure that soil is only tipped at the top end of the cemetery and that a box surround is made where soil is to be tipped.

32/09/10 PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that no press releases needed to be issued.

33/09/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st March at 7 pm at The Guildhall

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 17th December 2009