

SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL
CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Churchyard and Burial Ground Management Sub-Committee was held in the Village Hall on Monday 17th September 2007. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs M Thomas (Chairman), Mrs J Leary, Mr C Clegg, Mr R Atterwill. Also in attendance Mrs F LeBon (clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

None received. It was reported that Mr Bone had tendered his resignation from the group. The clerk is to write to him thanking him for the level of service he has provided the group.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Burial Ground Sub Committee Meeting of 16th July 2007 to be accepted, initialled and signed.

Mr Atterwill proposed that these be signed as a true record of the meeting of the 16th July 2007. Mrs Leary seconded, all in favour.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 16th July 2007

Mr Atterwill reported that the fencing had been erected in the churchyard and that the Parish Council had agreed to the amendments of the Burial Ground regulations, with the exception of extending the Exclusive Right of Burial to a term of 100 years.

5. Churchyard Maintenance

a) Tree felling project and associated faculty

Mrs Thomas reported that the Parish Council had rejected the request for a new tree report for the tree felling project in the churchyard. She had spoken to the Diocese and the previous faculty cannot be used as it had expired. The clerk raised concerns with using an old report as she felt this would not be acceptable to the Diocese.

Mr Atterwill proposed that this is brought back to full Parish Council, Mr Clegg seconded. All in favour.

b) To receive update of Mill Street widening feasibility study

The clerk reported that there had been no update but the report should be completed by the end of September.

The clerk is to speak with Rhoda Edwards or Jerry Palmer to establish which headstones were identified as being in need of repair in the Arch Deacon's report.

A working party was arranged for Saturday 29th September to remove the ivy from the wall and also remove the twisted pieces of metal.

6. Burial Ground Maintenance

The clerk is to check the contract of the grass cutting contractor to ensure that he is required to cut the hedges around the burial ground. Mrs Thomas commented that some graves have weeds growing out of them and queried the use of a maintenance fee for families that were unable to tend to the graves they are responsible for.

Mrs Thomas has spoken to stone mason responsible for the memorial for K. Bennett and has given him the accurate measurements for the grave.

7. Memorial Garden

Mrs Thomas has three volunteers for the memorial garden. A working party was arranged for Sunday 30th September for the turf to be stripped.

8. Any Items to be considered and approved by full Parish Council

- Authorisation of a new tree report

11. Any Item to be reported for next meeting

- Budget
- Tree faculty (pending Parish Council decision)
- Program for clearing the east side of the churchyard.

12. Date & Time of Next Meeting
Wednesday 31st October at 7.30pm

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm

_____ (Mrs Marilyn Thomas, Chairman) _____ Date