

**Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012  
in the Committee Room, Clayport Street Alnwick at 6.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs K Gray (Chairman), S Allcroft, J Bell, K Moore and D Dargie (Denwick Parish Council).

**In attendance:** W Batey, Chief Officer and Town Clerk.

**CEM 11/21. Apologies:** Cllr Blakey.

**CEM 11/22. Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**CEM 11/23. Current Budget position 2011/12**

The clerk circulated the current budget for the Committee up to 10<sup>th</sup> March. This showed income was higher than anticipated due to the sale of the old tractor and a refund from Northumbrian Water. Without these two items the cemetery fees would have been below budget. Income for the year was projected to be £27,000. Expenditure was reviewed in detail and was expected to be £55,800 at the year end. Overall the budget is likely to see a reduction in reserves of some £5,800, which is slightly less than originally expected. In answer to a question, the clerk confirmed that Denwick Parish Council had been asked to contribute £200 for 2011/12.

**RESOLVED: the budget update information be received.**

**CEM 11/24. Outstanding works – programme for 2012/13**

The clerk outlined the outstanding works, these included the hedge at Cawledge View, the path in the new section, further pointing to the boundary wall, the entrance road repairs. It was agreed that priority be given to the new path and entrance road repairs. The clerk also informed the Committee that the cemetery superintendent had asked if the council would install a wood burning stove in the living room of Cemetery Lodge. In addition to fitting the fire, the chimney would need to be lined. It was thought that this work would cost in the region of £1100.

**RESOLVED: that the list of outstanding works be agreed and the clerk, in consultation with the Chairman be given delegated authority to make the final decision on the provision of a wood burning stove, once at least two quotes have been received.**

**CEM 11/25. Any Other Business**

- a) It was reported that there had been no feedback from funeral directors regarding the demands for green burials, the clerk agreed to follow up.
- b) Councillor Gray asked the Committee about investigating the possibility of converting the Chapel into a crematorium. This had been considered by the Council a number of years ago but had not been progressed for a variety of reasons including planning advice. The committee were happy for the clerk to obtain the current views of County Council environmental health and planning. staff.

The meeting closed at 7.04pm