

**Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on
Thursday 23rd June 2011
in the Committee Room, Clayport Street Alnwick at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs K Gray (Chairman), S Allcroft, J Bell, E Blakey, S Walton,

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

CEM 11/5. Apologies: Cllr K Moore.

CEM 11/6 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared

CEM 11/7. Current Budget Position

The clerk reported that the current income levels were £3,479 which was slightly below the income projection for the time of year. Expenditure had been less than anticipated although the new tractor had been received and the pointing works completed to the boundary wall.

RESOLVED: to receive the budget update.

CEM 11/8. Completed and outstanding works update

- New Tractor
The new tractor was now in use and the old one had been sold at cost of £3,000 plus VAT. The overall impact on the budget was therefore better than expected.
- Pointing of, and works to the South Road boundary wall.
This work was now completed and the invoice paid. A quote is being obtained for further pointing works to the wall at the southern end of South Road.
- The new footpath in section 38.
This work was still to be programmed.
- Resurface the cemetery entrance road and cobbled area adjacent to the office entrance.
This work is still to be programmed.
- Painting of windows and doors at Cemetery Lodge & repainting the cemetery railings.
One Quote now obtained.

RESOLVED: The update on the list of outstanding works be accepted.

CEM 11/9. Any Other Business

- a) Councillor Gray reported that the cemetery was looking very tidy.
- b) The clerk enquired if councillors wished to consider digitised records. Members were of the view that this was not necessary at present.
- c) The clerk reported that in consultation with Councillor Gray a variation to the policy for a grave kerb stones had been agreed following a recent burial in the infants section. The current policy requires that any kerb stones should not extend more than 18ins beyond the headstone. However, in this area of the church yard a number of existing graves have larger memorials. Given the relatively small number of burials in this area and having had regard to the location and the surrounding graves, a variation was agreed. Councillors were

of the opinion that the policy could be varied in the infant section, on an individual basis at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee.

RECOMMENDED: The policy on the size of grave kerb stones in the infant section of the cemetery, can be varied on an individual basis by the clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of The Cemetery Committee.

- d) It was agreed that the next meeting would receive a report on green burials.
- e) It was agreed a cemetery visit would be organised

The meeting closed at 7.05pm