

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.05PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SIMPSON CENTRE, STOTFOLD**

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Committee Members present: Mrs J Hyde (Chairman)

B Collier	A Cooper
Mrs M Cooper	D Savill
Mrs L Wilding	L Stoter

Also present: The Clerk

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**2087. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs Wilding.

**2088. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of Members interests.

**2089. TO REVIEW THE CEMETERY LIST OF CHARGES FOR 2009/2010**

Members were provided with a list of the current charges, together with a comparison table showing prices of other Cemeteries.

After careful consideration it was:

**Recommended** that the 2009/2010 charges for Stotfold Cemetery are as appended to these minutes.

Councillor Cooper requested that his name be recorded as voting against the increase in charge for the right to erect or place a headstone and kerbstone, and also a lawn headstone.

With regard to the memorial bench and yew tree packages, it was noted that the installation and planting of these items were not sufficiently covered in the charges, it was therefore:

**Recommended** that

- i) The memorial bench package charges for 2009/10 are as follows: the cost of the bench from the suppliers or the cost of the bench with a plaque, plus £100 installation charge for either option.
- ii) The yew tree package for 2009/10 is increased from £110 to £150 to cover the planting, maintenance for the first year and provision of wire netting.

**2090. TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

As the next meeting was due to start and there was still a considerable amount of agenda still to consider, it was:

**Resolved** that the remainder of the agenda for this meeting, including consideration of this item, be deferred to the November meeting of this Committee.

It was pointed out that consideration of the estimates can take place at the November meeting because all Committees have until the middle of December to put together their budget recommendations for the Establishment Committee to consider.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman reminded Members that when they consider purchasing a book of remembrance at the next meeting, the book will need to be on display. Members were asked to think of suggested cabinets or ways of displaying the book and to advise the Clerk so costs can be obtained ready for the meeting.

It has been suggested that consideration be given at the next meeting to purchasing a notice board for the Cemetery to display a layout of the Cemetery sections, contact phone numbers and also for the office to display notices of forthcoming wobble tests, increases in charges and other posters.

**Resolved** that consideration of purchasing a notice board for the Cemetery be added to the November agenda for this Committee. Costs will be obtained for different types of notice board prior to the meeting.

**2091. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY**

There were no items for information purposes only.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 8.02pm

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATED**