

Impington Parish Council Burial Ground Committee

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 15th August 2006 6.30 p.m.

held at The Burial Ground, Mill Lane, Histon

Present: Cllrs D W Payne (Chairman for the meeting), G B Waters, J P Teague, P D Gooden
Clerk: Mrs A Young Pages: 1
Apologies received from Cllr T W Silk (Committee Chairman, personal)

Action By Clerk/Cllrs:

1. General Walkabout of site and Groundsman's Issues

Members viewed new land now in use with one burial at B1049 end. Burials to follow in order, Groundsman and Clerk to draw up new site plan showing graves closer together than previously, but to known standards **TF / Clerk**

Allotments Clerk to meet Groundsman w/c 21 August to inspect plots. Plot holders to be advised if work needed to comply with rules. **TF / Clerk**

Trees on New Boundary 2 trees had died. Clerk to obtain quotes for replacement.

Clerk

"Green" Cemetery Groundsman continued to turf graves at first opportunity when existing gardens no longer kept tidy by family

Shed Inspection Members inspected shed and new mower. Risk Assessment review/Health & Safety inspection had taken place July, report awaited. Purchase of fire extinguisher an issue

War Grave – A Leet Stone awaited

Blacksmith Grave required clean. Clerk to contact Eleanor Whitehead (Village Society)

Clerk

Angel at entrance Groundsman to ask S&M for advice on fixing broken top **TF**

Main Gate Site & Maintenance had quoted £114 to grind out rusted joints, reweld, rust inhibit, undercoat and paint. Groundsman unable to carry out this specialist work. All agreed to accept exceptionally reasonable quote for work involved

Seats, Bins, Notice Board Groundsman to treat over autumn period. Groundsman had cut boundary hedge back on B1049 side **TF**

2-4. Matters arising from minutes 26 June 2006

Noted meeting held at Office, not at Burial Ground. Deferred to next meeting except:
Offer of Seat and Tree from family Mrs Ostovani, daughter of Mrs Nawab, had offered a seat and fruit tree. Committee discussed at length both the site of grave and Burial Ground site in general. Felt there was no need for another seat, the seats in place being rarely used and requiring a certain amount of maintenance by Council. There was no possibility of a tree close to the grave, but ornamental trees (not fruit) were required in other areas and the Committee agreed a plaque would be acceptable on any donated tree. Clerk to respond to family accordingly. **Clerk**

Tree Works 2006 – 2007. Budget projections provided and notes previously made on boundary with Spring Close. Resident of Spring Close had provided petition signed by 8 residents asking for "a budget to be allocated for the pruning of the trees in the Burial Ground which adjoins the properties in Spring Close". The resident had spoken with Cllrs Gooden and Waters and clarified her own concerns at rear of 6 Spring Close, for 3 trees. Agreed to ask Acacia to visit and advise on all trees along the boundary. Clerk and Cllr Waters/Teague to attend Acacia inspection, report to go to Full Council in due course **JPT / GBW / Clerk**

Fee Review After debate and suggestion, and comparison with other fees, **agreed all charges to increase** (except search) by 20% to cover overdue review, increase in employment liability/Health & Safety and Risk Assessment responsibilities, feedback

from users over 2 years. Both Churches reported churchyards now full or almost full. See attached Appendix 1 showing new fees recommended to Full Council **as from 1 October 2006**

Committee further recommended, all in favour, that in line with recent decision by Fulbourn PC under similar circumstances, **non-residents should no longer be accepted**, unless a strong association demonstrated with the villages. This discretion to attract fee of x2.5

5. Date of next meeting

7 November 2006 at the Parish Office, to include matters arising from meetings 26 June and 15 August; Risk Assessment Review
Meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.