

**Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on Thursday 17th
July 2014 at 6pm in the Cemetery Lodge Eckington.**

Attendance :- J. Austen; C. Gare; K. Deffley; A.S. Dye;
J. Woodruff; C. Hunt; D. Ridley.
P. Staniforth (Clerk); M.Gazur (RFO) J.Green (Cemetery Supt.)

- OS 1/14 J. Austen was elected as Chair
C. Gare was elected as vice Chair
- OS 2/14 No apologies were received
- OS 3/14 Variation of Order of Business
Business not varied.(agreed to put War Memorials on future Agenda).
- OS 4/14 Declaration of Members Interest
No declarations were made
- OS 5/14 a) Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held
on 6th February 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate
record.
b) Minutes of the Special Cemetery Committee
held on 10th April 2014 were agreed as a true and
accurate record after the alteration at CEM 21/14
delete the letter 'o' from "regarding"
- OS 6/14 The Chair signed and dated the Minutes.
- OS 7/14 To identify items for which the Press and Public
may be excluded
Agreed to move agenda Item 13 Roads in Cemetery and Agenda
Item 14 signage to the confidential Part of the Agenda.
- OS 8/14 To sign and the Cemetery Records
It was reported that there were 3 New Memorials
and 10 New Burials. The Burial Register was duly
signed.
- OS 9/14 Cemetery Superintendent Report
J. Green reported that there had been several
complaints regarding the condition of the roads in
the Cemetery. He also reported that there was a
problem with the dogs using the Cemetery
grounds.
- OS 10/14 Cemetery Rules and Regulations
There was a number of alterations to the draft
Booklets:-
a) Memorial;
b) Summary of Rules and Regulations

c) Funeral Directors Rules and Regulations.
It was agreed that the booklets as amended be printed and distributed when appropriate and to place the booklet on the Web-Site.

OS 11/14 Future of the Cemetery Lodge

It was agreed that the Cemetery Lodge would continue to be used as offices and a storage facility.

OS 12/14 Chapels of Ease

Agreed to discuss this item further at the next Open Spaces Committee Meeting where some estimates of certain costs would be discussed.
Also agreed to discuss Woodland Burials on the next Agenda.

OS 13/14 Allotments

- a) The Clerk gave a report on the status of the Council's allotment sites. The Clerk reported that there were on going problems with the trespass by a former allotment holder.
- b) The Clerk reported that 2 letters had been received from allotment holders re: water charges.
- c) Agreed to hold 3 separate allotment meetings with lease holders.(School St. ;Marsh Lane and Ducksett Lane/Lansbury Road). A limit of 1½ hours for each meeting. The meetings should be scheduled September 2014 if possible.

OS 14/14 Play Areas

The Clerk gave a brief report regarding the inspection process re: play areas. Agreed that the matter to be discussed at the next Open Spaces Committee when the UFI Report should be available.

OS 15/14 Market

The Clerk reported that the Market was currently showing improvement re. stall holders numbers
This matter to be discussed by the Market Group and report back to the Committee.

OS 16/14 To resolve to exclude the Press and Public due to the confidential of the business to be contracted.

Agreed

OS17/14 To discuss any items for which the Press and Public have been excluded

- a) The Clerk reported that he had currently received one quotation re: Stage one of the Road Improvement Scheme.
Clerk to liaise with Committees Chair.
- b) Agreed to order the sign style as shown. Clerk to show proofs to Chair prior to order.
- c) War Memorial- agreed for a plant to commemorate the 1st World War Anniversary at Marsh Lane.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm.