

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY
COMMITTEE HELD in BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL HALL
on WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Mr. J. Cirrone (Chairman), Mr. J. Morgan, Mrs S. Chorley and Mrs. S. Roberts, together with Mrs. S. Jennings (Clerk & Registrar).

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received.

2. MATTERS ARISING from the MINUTES OF 26th NOVEMBER MEETING, PREVIOUSLY AGREED and SIGNED:

There were no matters arising

3. EXPENDITURE AND INCOME TO DATE 2014/15:

The accounts summary had been prior circulated and showed an income for the year to date of £1800 and an expenditure year to date of £1524.26.

4. REPORT ON PURCHASED GRAVE SPACES; INTERMENTS and HEADSTONES SINCE APRIL:

One Ashes plot tablet
Two full plot reservations
Three ashes plot reservations
One headstone

5. REPORT ON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:

Mr. Anderson is kindly continuing to empty the bags from the bins.
It was agreed to ask Mr Huxley if he was able to cut the hedges at the cemetery.

6. TO CONSIDER QUOTES REGARDING STONE PLAQUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE GIFTING OF CEMETERY LAND:

A quote for the stone and inscription had been received and was distributed to councillors. Looking at the sketch which accompanied the quotation councillors questioned why the inscription area was raised and not flat. All councillors agreed that once the problem of the raised inscription area was answered they were happy with the quote and design. It was also agreed that the wording of the inscription would be checked with the family who had donated the land.

7. TO DISCUSS ASHES PLOT SIZES AND FUTURE MONITORING:

The clerk explained that two ashes plots in the Garden of Remembrance had been lost due to plots which had already had tablets put on them going over their allotted area. In one case an area which should have had three unused plots between two used plots was only 52 inches wide, each plot should be 20 inches wide, leaving an unusable plot of 12 inches. This has had a knock on effect further down the row which will now be one plot short at the end. It was agreed that when an interment is booked the area is clearly defined by markers outlining the whole plot.

8. TO DISCUSS FUTURE RULES REGARDING TABLE SIZE AND THE PLANTING OF SHRUBS

The clerk explained that some of the tablets were larger than others and taking up the full plot size. There is also a shrub which has been planted which is encroaching on future plot spaces and access pathways.

Councillors discussed the idea of introducing a new policy stating that plants are not allowed to be planted directly into the ground and must be contained within pots.

It was agreed to add this to the next agenda of the main Parish Council meeting.

9. OTHER MATTERS.

There were no other matters.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those for attending, and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.