

SPENNITHORNE AND HARMBY CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN HARMBY VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2015 AT 6.30PM

Present: Mr A Partridge - Chairperson
Mr G Tunstall - Vice Chairperson
Mr N Cannell
Mr M Gains
Mr J Lindsay
Mr N Sebright
Mr C Payne - Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence:** Miss Peacock
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2015 were agreed as an accurate record.
3. **Matters arising:**

a) New Graveyard

Work on levelling and seeding the new graveyard had taken place and although the ground still undulated, it was felt that this would improve with cutting and rolling.

There was an amount of soil that required moving. Mr Tunstall pointed out that any movement of large quantities of soil may require official approval.

Work to remove the overhanging trees to the road had been completed to everyone's approval. The rabbit proof fence had also been completed.

b) Old graveyard plan

Mr Tunstall reported that he was making good progress with the graveyard plan. He pointed out that the current place for storing cemetery records in the village hall loft was not fire proof. He felt that records should be stored in fire proof chests or just under the stage would be far better. It was noted that fireproof boxes would be sought.

c) Loose Gravestones

Mr Tunstall was still awaiting contact from Messrs Pickards.

4. The use of the Chapel of Rest for Mourners

A discussion took place regarding the requirements and how much work was needed. It was agreed that committee members would inspect the Chapel to consider how much work was necessary.

5. Accounts

The latest account statements were considered and approved.

6. Grass Cutting

It was agreed that the quality of grass cutting had been very good this year since Shire Country Services had been completing the work. Mr Payne was requested to ask Shires to tender for next year and also whether they would agree to a three year contract.

7. Illegal Gravestone

Mr Payne had heard from the deceased's brother who has asked if he can arrange to remove the stone himself. This was agreed.

8. Other Business

Mr Payne requested that the committee agree to paying for a new valuation of the cemetery for insurance purposes. He felt the current valuation was too high and that the cost was likely to be saved in the insurance premium. Mr Partridge agreed to investigate.

Mr Payne had sent out a draft of revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations. This was agreed with some alterations.

It was reported that the hedge to the side of the new grave yard needed trimming so that it would thicken up. Mr Partridge agreed to arrange for this to be completed.

Next Meeting

Date to be agreed

The meeting closed at 7.06pm