

**SPENNITHORNE AND HARMBY CEMETERY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN HARMBY VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 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 20 May 2015 were agreed as an accurate record.
3. **Matters arising:**

**a) New Graveyard**

Horton Landscaping are no longer our contractor due to internal problems within the firm.

Shires Country Services had quoted £225 to prepare the area ready for grass cutting. It was voted to accept this quote and Mr Tunstall agreed to let them know.

A quote from the same firm had also been received to remove the trees from beside the road boundary for £175. This did not however include the trees overhanging the road which would be extra as they would want to close the road whilst work was undertaken.

Mr Partridge said he would get an alternative quote from Shaun Stockdale and let the committee know when it was received.

Shires had quoted £440 to supply and fit a new rabbit proof fence near the road. It was also agreed that this should be accepted.

**b) Old graveyard plan**

Mr Tunstall reported that he was making good progress with the graveyard plan.

**c) Chapel repairs**

Mr Tunstall reported that repairs to the roof have been carried out and the doors and gates painted.

**d) Front Hedge**

Work has been completed.

#### **e) Loose gravestones**

It was agreed that Messrs Pickards would be asked to quote to repair the gravestones that had fallen over. Mr Payne was asked to contact them to obtain a price.

#### **4. Accounts**

The latest account statements were considered and approved.

#### **5. Graveyard Rubbish Bin**

Mr Tunstall reported that a bin was in place and that he was moving it out to the road on the due days. All seemed to be working well.

#### **6. Grass Cutting**

Due to internal problems at Horton Landscaping the contract has been given to Shires Country Services who have been cutting the grass all summer. Although at an increased cost, the committee were happy with the services that Shires had provided.

#### **7. Illegal Gravestone**

An illegal gravestone has been placed on the grave of Heather Unett. Permission had not been requested and the stone is not designed accordance with cemetery rules. Mr Payne has been in contact with the deceased brother who organised the stone. Mr Payne reported that the brother had requested a quote for a similar stone from a local undertaker who did not tell him that it would not be accepted. He therefore assumed it would be acceptable and arranged it through another provider.

The committee was unanimous in agreeing that the stone should not be allowed to remain in place. If it was not removed it would be placed in the chapel of rest. Mr Payne agreed to let Mrs Unett's brother know of the decision.

#### **8. Other Business**

Mr Tunstall reported that at a recent burial the mourners had nowhere to shelter from the rain. Could the Chapel be cleared out so that there was a place that mourners could go in future? It was agreed that this should be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Mr Payne reported that he had not received the Spennithorne contribution to the upkeep of the cemetery. Mr Sebright agreed to send Mr Payne the Spennithorne contact email address.

#### **Next Meeting**

December - date to be agreed

The meeting closed at 7.10pm