

**Minutes of a Cemetery Sub-Committee Meeting held on
Friday 16 July 2010 in the Town Council Office at 6.30 pm**

Present: Cllr F Cooper (in the Chair)
Cllr G Craggs
Cllr R Young
P Howell (burial clerk)
Messrs J & P Wilson funeral directors

The Chairman welcomed Messrs Wilson to the meeting.

1. There were no apologies for absence

2. Review of Cemetery Regulations.

It had been agreed at the last Town Council meeting that residents of Langthorpe be permitted to be buried in Aldborough and Boroughbridge cemeteries at the same rate as local residents. It was further agreed that portraiture, figure statuary and photographic imagery would now be permitted subject to approval by the Burial Board. Ceramic plaques not to exceed 7 cms x 5 cms in size. All other rules and regulations to be the same as before.

3. The Hawking Grave

Cllr Cooper has visited the Hawking grave and having seen the state of it, felt that immediate work was required to rectify the problems with overhanging trees, overgrown hedges and weeds. It was agreed to get estimates for removal of the trees and hedge. This work was to have been done by the previous contractor last year.

4. Procedure for burials and purchase of graves

The clerk expressed concern to the meeting regarding burial applications forms and that on occasion the burial had already taken place before the application form had been received. This could lead to a very awkward situation if a burial was to take place in a grave previously purchased by someone else. It was therefore requested that Messrs Wilson contact the burial clerk prior to any burial to confirm the exact grave space. It was also requested that paperwork be returned to the burial clerk on a regular basis. Discussion took place regarding the spoil which has been building up in the cemetery hedges. Messrs Wilson pointed out that this was sometimes used to level graves. It was agreed that in future all spoil be put back on the graves.

Messrs Wilson expressed concern about the parking lay-by at the gates of Boroughbridge cemetery. Sometimes this was used by cars and on occasion lorries, which was dangerous when unloading the hearse as visibility was blocked. It was suggested by Messrs Wilson that a one-way system might be possible if a gate was made at the top of the cemetery path into the Poplars industrial estate. This would remove the road danger for the hearse and followers and would also give privacy to the family, rather than unloading on the main road. This to be discussed further at the next meeting.

It was also suggested that a procedure for burials to be drawn up. This also to be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Cllr Cooper thanked Messrs Wilson for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.00 pm