

# DORCHESTER JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

15th JULY, 2010

At a Site Meeting of the Dorchester Joint Burial Committee at Poundbury, Weymouth Avenue and Fordington Cemeteries commencing at 9.30am.

**PRESENT** Councillors C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs (Chairman) and T. James.

In attendance:

Mr. D. Holmes, Clerk, Mrs. S. Cheeseman, Administrative Assistant, Mr. P. Mullins, Compliance Manager and Mr. B. McGhee, Cemetery Assistant.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors A. Harries, S.C. Hosford, Trevor Jones and F. Kent-Ledger.

## 17. POUNDBURY CEMETERY

The Committee inspected the Cemetery and were generally satisfied with its overall appearance. However concern was expressed that the office buildings were still prone to occasional flooding.

It was

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Clerk be requested to carry out further investigations into the provision of an early warning system to the cess pit.

The Committee noted that some turfs appeared to have died on graves recently opened due to the dry weather conditions.

It was

### **RESOLVED**

- (2) That the situation be monitored and new turfs purchased if required.

## 18. WEYMOUTH AVENUE CEMETERY

### (a) Chapels

Following the inspection by the Surveyor (Minute 13/09 refers) the Committee considered whether to carry out alterations to the Chapel entrances to enable easier disabled access.

It was

## **RESOLVED**

That the works recommended be carried out and that the Clerk be authorised to obtain appropriate quotations and to accept the lowest tender received.

During consideration of the above works it was suggested that the oiling of the new chapel doors be added to the annual works maintenance programme.

### (b) Compound Area

It was

## **RESOLVED**

That the surplus galvanised material and the pallets be removed and that the area be kept tidy.

## 19. **FORDINGTON CEMETERY**

### (a) Boundary Wall

The Committee inspected the boundary wall from the Church entrance and the area where the storage facility used to be and following discussion it was

## **RESOLVED**

(1) That the concrete base be removed and the area generally tidied up around the old storage facility.

(2) That the ivy be removed from the wall to enable its repair.

### (b) Kings Road Entrance

It was

## **RESOLVED**

That the staff be requested to clear and generally tidy the area fronting Kings Road.

### (c) Garden of Remembrance

It was

## **RESOLVED**

(1) That a new rubbish bin be installed in this area.

- (2) That the vine be removed from the entrance.
- (3) That the top of the retaining wall above the Garden of Remembrance be re-rendered as a matter of urgency .

(d) German War Memorial

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the memorial be power washed and the area be tidied.
- (2) That new bushes be planted on the bank over-looking Holloway Road to complete the hedge along this boundary.

(e) Generally

It was

**RESOLVED**

The Cemetery staff be requested to clear the paths within the Cemetery of moss, lichen and accumulated organic material and that recently re-opened graves be checked in the autumn to see if they require re-turfing.

The meeting closed at 11.20am.

Chairman