

DORCHESTER JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

30th JULY, 2008

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

PRESENT Councillors R.M. Biggs (Chairman), T. James and L.M. Phillips.

In attendance:

Mr. D. Holmes, Clerk, Mrs. S. Cheeseman, Administrative Assistant and Mr. M. Bungay, Cemetery Attendant.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors M.A. Allwood, C.S. Biggs, A. Harries, Trevor Jones and F.E. Kent-Ledger.

18. CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

It was

RESOLVED

That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors C.S. Biggs A. Harries and T. James and the Clerk be authorised to sign cheques issued on behalf of the Committee during the period ending with the Annual Meeting in 2009.

19. POUNDBURY CEMETERY

The Committee inspected the Cemetery and were generally satisfied with its overall appearance.

The Clerk informed Members that the wildflower meadow had now been cut for hay but following the planting of wildflower plugs during the Autumn of 2007 the meadow had had an abundance of flower this Spring.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Clerk arrange for more gravel dressing to be applied to the paths.
- (2) That the paths and formal planting areas in the cemetery be weeded.

20. FORDINGTON CEMETERY

The Committee inspected Fordington Cemetery.

(a) Grass Cutting Contract

It was

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be requested to have discussions with the grass cutting contractor pointing out that the strimming around graves, trees and in some other areas is not satisfactory in all instances.

(c) North Bank

It was

RESOLVED

That the Cemetery staff be requested to remove the ragwort as a matter of urgency.

(d) German War Memorial

The Clerk informed the Committee that repairs to the German War Memorial would be carried before this year's Service of Remembrance at the memorial.

(e) Trees – King's Road Boundary

The Committee inspected the trees on the King's Road boundary and, following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be requested to seek approval from the West Dorset District Council to have the pollarded trees removed.

(f) Winter Tasks

It was

RESOLVED

That the Cemetery staff be requested to carry out the following works during the winter:

- Repair the paving stones at the watering station;
- Remove growth from walls;
- Remove the tree growing from the grave on the path from King's Road;
- Paint the gates fronting King's Road; and
- Tidy the formal garden in the Garden of Remembrance.

21. **WEYMOUTH AVENUE CEMETERY**

The Committee inspected Weymouth Avenue Cemetery.

(a) **Chapels**

The Committee inspected the new chapel doors. The Clerk informed the Committee that he was experiencing difficulty in finding a carpenter willing to undertake the reinstatement of the dado panelling to the south side of the South Chapel. It was also proving difficult to obtain a new altar cloth together with the explanatory notice about the stained glass window.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Cemetery staff be requested to touch-in the dado panelling and apply teak oil to the external doors during the winter months.

(b) **Paths**

It was

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the path branching off to the right from the main entrance to the cemetery to and including the southern turning circle to be re-surfaced.

(c) **Litter Baskets**

It was

RESOLVED

That new litter baskets be purchased.

(d) **Office and Toilet Block**

It was

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the office and toilet block to be redecorated.

The meeting closed at 11.20am

Chairman