

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Cemetery Committee held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 16th November 2006.

PRESENT: Councillors: Jack Laing, Tony Cattermoul, Robin Guest and Joyce Jones with the Clerk and Finance Officer and Cemetery Superintendent.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: Chris Bithell and Carol Heycocks,

6. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6th July 2006 be received and approved as a correct record.

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

8. REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

The Committee received reports from the Cemetery Superintendent on the following items:

8.1 The Superintendent reported that there had, since the last meeting, been 26 interments, with seven new graves being required, six graves being reopened, six new cremation plots and seven cremations in existing plots. He advised that there had been some 22 new burial plots required this year so far leaving approximately 50 plots remaining in section 'W'.

8.2 The Superintendent advised of the work undertaken during the summer months by Adrian Parker and how the arrangement had again worked well. Grass cutting was still continuing and was envisaged to be undertaken for a few more weeks when the mowers would be sent to JT Williams for servicing.

8.3 The Superintendent advised that occupation of the storage facilities had now been taken and that a number of items had been transferred from the Cemetery itself. This would allow the reuse of the public toilet at the Cemetery.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be noted.

9. MEMORIAL HEADSTONE

The Committee considered the previously circulated correspondence from Edward Davies, Delyn Memorials requesting the introduction of a memorial that exceeded the dimensions contained within the Town Council's Cemetery Regulations. The Committee noted the extract from the Council's regulations regarding the dimensions for headstones.

The Committee noted the current regulations restricting the dimensions of the base and felt that these ensured an ease of maintenance, without the possibility of damaging the memorial and the encroachment of ornaments onto the grassed area, and the uniformity of appearance within the Cemetery. In view of this the Committee felt that it would be inappropriate to accede to the request.

Resolved: It was resolved that the request for the headstone be declined.

10. CEMETERY – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Clerk reported on the following items advising the Committee that there were insufficient funds within the budget to complete the resurfacing of the area in front of the garage as well as providing a noticeboard and undertaking the external redecoration. He advised that the balance of the budget would be carried forward for this work to be undertaken in the next financial year.

10.1 Noticeboard: A noticeboard had been purchased and was due to be installed within the Cemetery by Dutton & Peters Ltd. The purchase cost amounted to £775.80 (inclusive of VAT).

10.2 External Redecoration: The order for the work for the external painting of the Lodge and garage/store had been issued to Mr. G. C. Williams, Stanley Street at a cost of £989.00.

10.3 Skip Hire: Alternative arrangements had been made for the depositing and removal of waste from the cemetery with the work now being undertaken by West Pennine Recycling Ltd, Buckley. The Committee asked that investigations be made with the County Council regarding the possibility of recycling some of the waste from the Cemetery.

Resolved: It was resolved that the report be approved and that investigations be made regarding the possibility of recycling waste.

12. CEMETERY EXTENSION

The Committee considered the previously circulated correspondence from Smith Grant LLP confirming that the groundwater levels in the Gas Lane play area were consistent with the original findings and that the programme of monitoring and sampling would therefore continue. Further reports would then be made in due course.

Resolved: It was resolved that the correspondence be noted.