

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Cemetery Committee held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Jack Laing, Chris Bithell, Tony Cattermoul, Ray Dodd, Robin Guest, Carol Heycocks, and Joyce Jones with the Clerk and Finance Officer and Cemetery Superintendent.

### **15. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be received and approved as a correct record.

### **16. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **17. REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

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

17.1 The Superintendent reported that there had, since the last meeting, been 8 interments, with 1 new grave being required, 6 graves being reopened and 1 cremation.

17.2 The Superintendent advised that the mowers were currently being serviced by JT Williams, Ruthin, prior to cutting recommencing. He indicated that arrangements were being made to investigate the prices and specifications for the purchase of a new mower. The Clerk and Finance Officer indicated that there was provision within the budget for this purchase.

17.3 The Superintendent advised that arrangement were in hand for the repair of the manhole within the driveway and close to the Cemetery gates. He indicated that it would be necessary to close the gates to allow this work to proceed but that notices would be displayed advising visitors that access could be obtained through the Gas Lane gate.

17.4 The Clerk and Finance Officer referred to correspondence from Mr. Williams, 169 Dee Road, Connahs Quay, seeking to obtain a further licence to renew the family's ownership of the plot B28(uncons). The Committee noted that the plot was originally purchased on the burial of Mr. Williams's great grandparents in 1925. The Committee noted that it was unlikely that the plot would be used for anyone else within the foreseeable future and agreed to the request subject to payment of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the appropriate reservation fee payable.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the report be noted and the action outlined approved.

## **18. BURIAL FEES 2006 / 07**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report regarding the amount of fees to be charged for burial activities.

The Committee agreed to recommend the attached fees to the Town Council.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the fees for the year 2006 / 07, as set out in the report and attached to the Minutes, be approved for recommendation to the Council.

## **19. BUDGET 2006 / 07**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report regarding the budget for cemetery expenditure in the forthcoming year.

The Committee considered the budget and the expenditure plans in detail and agreed to recommend their approval to the Council.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the draft budget and expenditure plans as set out in the report be recommended to the Council for approval.

## **20. CEMETERY EXTENSION**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report and the comments from officers of Flintshire County Council regarding the use of the existing play area in Gas Lane for burial purposes and the possible exchange of land with the sports field.

In view of the comments that little could be achieved from a meeting at this stage, if the Leisure Services Department were happy in principle to look at this proposal, it was agreed to pursue the preliminary site investigation. This would then ascertain the ground conditions and determine whether it is appropriate to take the matter further.

**Resolved:** It was resolved therefore, that the preliminary site investigation be undertaken as previously detailed in the letter from Smith Grant LLP.

## **21. TREE SURGERY**

The Clerk and Finance Officer advised the Committee of the potential difficulties that have arisen with the roots of two cherry trees in the Cemetery.

The Committee was advised that an estimate of £460.00 (exc. VAT) had been received from Flintshire Woodlands to remove the trees causing the problems and the shrubs in the immediate area. It was also noted that it would be appropriate to remove and reinstate the two headstones directly affected. The Committee was advised that an estimate, of £50.00 per headstone, had been provided by S. Blackwell Stonemasons for the removal and reinstatement of the headstones with ground anchoring devices.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the work be undertaken in accordance with the estimates provided.