

## **Shedfield Parish Council**

*(Incorporating the villages of Shedfield, Shirrell Heath and Waltham Chase)*

### **MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2010 AT THE PAVILION SHEDFIELD 7.30 pm**

**Present:**

Parish Councillors: Kevin Dye, Presiding, Alan Cox, Stuart Jones, Jess Bond and Ruth Wiffen

Parish Clerk: Yvonne Wheadon

Cemetery Clerk: Brenda Byrne

10/10 - Election of Chair - Councillor Kevin Dye was nominated for Chair, to which he duly agreed and accepted. The Committee thanked Ruth for her dedication during the last 7 years.

11/10 - Apologies for absence - Funeral Director Nigel Chamberlain

12/10 - Declarations of interest - none

13/10 - Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2010 were duly signed by the new Chair.

14/10 - Matters arising from previous minutes - It was agreed to continue investigation into environmentally friendly/green/woodland cemeteries.

Meeting adjourned for public participation - None

15/10 - Cemetery Charges - It was agreed that a 10% increase be applied to the current charges with effect from 1 April, 2011 and thereafter reviewed on an annual basis.

16/10 - Review of maintenance - It was agreed that the current specification was adequate but that grass cutting should be flexible depending on growth. Committee suggested the tree warden visit the site to advise what action should be taken on trees that appear hazardous.

17/10 - Cemetery Budget - An amount of £3,896 less £2,000 anticipated income was agreed to be put forward for approval in 2011/12 Council Budget.

18/10 - Cremation Caskets - A site visit took place early May to consider a designated area. Committee agreed on the south east corner adjacent to the centre circular area of heather where 2 rows of 8 graves would allow 32 plots for cremation caskets. It was suggested that this area be neatly fenced off with a white chain link for easy access with a sign indicating the spot.

19/10 - Items for next agenda - To review information on feasibility of providing environmentally friendly/green/woodland cemetery in the overgrown area towards the Common.

*With no further business to be transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed  
at 9.10 p.m.*

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