

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

29th January 2011

PRESENT: Cllr J Maskall (Chairman of Overton Community Council,) Cllr D Hughes, Cllr J Kember, and Cllr M Pinder (Chair), Cllr C Starkey

1. **2011.1. Questions or comments from members of the public – None**
2. **2011.2. Apologies - None**
3. **2011.3. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in items of business discussed at the meeting**
None
4. **2011.4. Matters arising from previous minutes**

All matters arising from previous minutes have been completed, or are ongoing and due for completion.

5. **2011.5. Maintenance work**

The Committee noted that there were horse hoof prints over a large area of the cemetery. The Committee expressed their disappointment that it would appear that no notification of any incident involving loose horses had been made to the Community Council, as the Community Council holds responsibility for the condition of the cemetery. Closer inspection of the metal fencing which forms a part of the boundary with the cemetery extension paddock, showed that the metal fencing was damaged and also that it had been moved so that a gap allowing access had been made. Members of the cemetery committee closed this gap.

The Committee also noted what appeared to be track marks from a quad bike or similar vehicle.

Action: The Committee asked that the Clerk discuss both of these issues with Pat Loughlin and the paddock tenant, to see if any reasons can be ascertained so that repetition is prevented.

There is damage to the carved face of the headstone for the grave of Mary Ruben. It is not clear if the damage is due to frost and ice or the loose horse.

Action: Clerk to try to contact relatives to ask that they move or remove the (small) damaged pieces so as not to present a potential danger to other cemetery visitors.

Reference was made to the resident complaint about the Yew tree and berries. It was not clear which tree this complaint was concerning, but it was noted that there were no berries on any of the Yew trees, and that the Yew trees are currently the subject of consideration for preservation orders.

The Committee inspected the causeway leading from the main gate on School Lane to the cemetery. There is a noticeable camber to the causeway, and in places the surface was beginning to show signs of damage and subsidence. It was suggested that resurfacing would be expensive, and so the Committee decided that the condition of the causeway would be monitored.

Action: The Clerk is to ask the most frequently used funeral directors for their comments on the condition of the surface. This is to be re-considered at the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on the 2nd April 2011 (Saturday).

Meeting closed at 10.00am.