

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Cemetery Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at the Cemetery on Monday 2nd September 2013 at
6.45pm

Members present: Cllr J. Bowden (Chairman), Cllr E. Champion, Cllr V. Rawles, and Cllr B. Bees, together with the Clerk M. Shobbrook.

APOLOGIES: Cllr W. Walker

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2013, having been circulated, were taken as being an accurate record thereof and were signed by the Chairman Cllr J. Bowden.

MATTERS ARISING:

Minute 6/13: The memorial tree dedicated to the late Mrs. Marlene Hancock.

The Committee viewed the tree and those immediately surrounding it. Their aim was to consider the communication received from Mrs. Ward and to decide if any action was needed to be taken. The general consensus of the Councillors, was that they could not see that the adjacent trees were presently impeaching on the general appearance of the tree, dedicated to Mrs. Hancock. The adjacent trees are oak trees and in time will need to be thinned out. It is likely that the crowns of these trees will converge in time, unless some pruning action is taken. At present, there was no overshadowing of Mrs. Hancock's tree. The Clerk will contact Mrs. Ward and advise her of the Committee's decision.

Minute 7/13: The grave of the late Mr. Terence Plank (plot 51).

The Committee converged around the grave in order to consider the request from the deceased's Mother, to construct edging around it. They are concerned to ensure that any decision they make to allow the construction of edging is consistent with the Cemetery's own rules and regulations and also fair and reasonable in relation to any edging already constructed around other graves, within the Cemetery. The Clerk was therefore asked to contact Mrs. Plank to request details of the size of the proposed edging, together with the details of the stone to be used etc. When these are received, the Chairman and the rest of the Committee will consider the matter further and make a decision about the request.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk itemised the receipts of income to the Cemetery account since the last Committee meeting and gave details of the current balance in the account, namely £2,425.06. No payments from the account were necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

MATTERS OF REPORT

The Chairman pointed out that the rubbish bin alongside the water tap was overfull and looked untidy. He questioned whether there was a need to have the bin located there, since visitors to the Cemetery could use the area assigned for dead flowers and other compostable rubbish, instead of using the bin. Cllr Champion therefore proposed that it should be removed. This was seconded by Cllr Bees.

The Chairman advised the Committee that a fourth key to the Cemetery gates had been cut and it was now being held by Cllr Bees. This was considered to be a good plan as Cllr Bees lives close to the Cemetery and if both Mrs. Dover and Mr. Adams were away at the same time, Cllr Bees could attend to the locking of the gates.

The Chairman offered his personal thanks to Cllr Bees for attending to the restoration and treatment of the memorial seat, dedicated to the late Col P.A. Johnson. The work has now been concluded and the seat restored to a good condition.

A wasps' nest had been located near the Eastern footpath and memorial trees, which was considered to be a high risk to the public, both in terms of potential stinging, but also to children falling into the large hole in the ground. As it is near the footpath used by numerous children and parents each day going to the school, it was decided that urgent action was needed to treat the nest and to fill in the hole. The Chairman agreed to contact a specialist (Mark Tilley of A2Z Pest Control) who would deal with the problem. Payment of the specialist's fees were authorised by the Committee. Finally, the Chairman reviewed the hedge along the top edge (western side) of the Cemetery. It is in need of trimming and it was proposed that the Clerk should contact Vic Phillips of VLP Garden Services, to obtain a quote for cutting the hedge.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

The next meeting of East Brent Parish Council (Cemetery Committee) will be held on Monday 2nd December 2013 at the Village Hall.