

**Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held in the Bowls Pavilion on Monday 19 September 2005 at 7.30pm**

Present: R Day (chair) JE Coston (item 1) B Jefferson J Payne HM Smith RT Summerfield D Chamberlain The clerk SJ Daniels + 4 members of the public (items 1-6)

375/05 **1 Co-options – AGREED** to co-opt JP, HMS and RTS on to both Cemetery and Maintenance Committees and RD on to Maintenance Committee.

376/05 **2 Election of Chairman** - RD was elected Chairman for this meeting.

377/05 **3 Apologies for absence** - M Ellwood PK Oldham.

378/05 **4 Declarations of Interest** - none.

379/05 **5 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2001 were approved and signed as a true record. **AGREED** not to leave Cemetery minutes for such a long time in future before approval.

380/05 **6 Grass Cutting Policy**

A letter from a family was received. They also voiced their concerns at the meeting that the cowslips area was too large and encroaching on graves; any area left should be cut sooner after flowering (in 2005 this was not cut until July).

Noted that the contractors had left a larger area than previously.

These cowslips in the cemetery were probably the only wild cowslips left in the village.

**AGREED**

that a smaller area should be left (as in previous years) – to be reviewed in 12 months.

The clerk would liaise with the contractors. *Action: the clerk*

Noted that the grass cuttings from the wild flower meadow area were not completely removed. The clerk would advise the contractors. *Action: the clerk*

381/05 **7 Fees**

**AGREED** to recommend an increase in fees in line with the Church Commissioners’ fees - **in bold** - [present fees in brackets]:  
[Noted that the Church did not differentiate between children and adults].

Interment of an adult	<b>£160</b>	(£150)
Interment of a child up to 7years inclusive	<b>£16</b>	(£15)
Interment of a child from 8 years to 17 years inclusive	<b>£80</b>	(£75)
Interment of ashes (£47.50) and tablet (£32.50)	<b>£80</b>	(£75)
Headstone not exceeding 76cms x 46cms	<b>£86</b>	(£60)
Headstone for a child up to 7 years inclusive	<b>£15</b>	(£10)
Headstone for a child from 8 years to 17 years inclusive	<b>£43</b>	(£30)
Inscription on any monument added on a later occasion	<b>£20</b>	(£15)

All fees to be double for non residents.\*

Note: At clerk’s discretion the double fee may be waived for people previously resident in the village.

Purchase of exclusive rights of burial includes the fee for interment.\*

Ashes. Ashes to be buried in a straight line starting along the western side of the hedge that divides the old from the new with 30 centimetres between rows. Tablets 45cms by 30cms and dark granite to be erected horizontally. Inscriptions to follow the style recommended by the Church Commissioners.

\***AGREED** to continue these policies.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....