

Rothbury Joint Burial Committee

Minutes of Sub-Committee Meeting held on 13th January 2009 at the Cemetery

Those Present

Coun. Sandford, Chairman
Coun. Gutherson, Thropton PC
Coun. Gaskin, Brinkburn & Hesleyhurst PC
Alistair Gaskell - Cemetery Superintendent

1. East Side Cemetery (near hospital)

Area walked by committee and it was agreed Coun. Gaskin to purchase a number of yew trees/bushes of various sizes and these would be planted sometime in February at approximate cost of £250.00.

2. Inspection of Lodge

The committee viewed both inside and outside of lodge and found it be in a sound and tidy order. Two things which required attention were: 1) An extra radiator for kitchen. 2) The back yard to re-surface.

3. Railings

It was agreed that Alistair would seek quotes for a short stretch either side of the main gate and also for the entire wall running alongside the main road.

4. Central Flowerbed

It was decided to buy plants for a miniature box hedge to be planted in February.

5. Burial Seminar

One point of interest to emerge from Alistair's attendance was that most other cemeteries had erected notices to the effect that "some gravestones are unsafe" - should we do likewise?

6. The Valuation Office

A questionnaire had been received from ADC Valuation Office - Alistair and the Chairman would complete answers.

7. New Unitary Authority

The Chairman reported that the clerk had sent the request for precept for financial year 2009/10.

8. New Compost Heap

It was agreed to create a new place for compost in the recently purchased area out of sight of the present cemetery, and dispose use of the present site near the hospital.

9. Date of Next Full Meeting

26th March 2009 730pm Jubilee Hall Rothbury.

A D Sandford, Chairman Rothbury Joint Burial Committee