

Minutes of the Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council Burial Committee meeting Wednesday 25 March 2009 at 6.00pm in the new cemetery

Present: Chris Worrall (Chairman), Madge Johnson, Ernest Smith, Rev Nigel Strafford (part)

Apologies: Ann Dowson, Doreen Engall, Wendy Evans

Clerk: Steve Young 01757 288234

1. Dawn and Paul Brocklesby, neighbours of the new cemetery joined the meeting to discuss the buffer zone agreed in the Planning Decision. It was agreed that the trees and shrubs planted in the buffer zone on two occasions following seeking expert advice had failed. The meeting looked at the trees and shrubs in the Brocklesby's garden plus the existing graveyard and it was agreed to replant using these varieties, namely yew, scots pine, individual leylandi, silver birch, rhododendrons, ceanothus, holly bushes and to ensure that evergreens were placed at intervals along the buffer zone. The existing planting is 18 rows of 5 trees. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk investigate planting costs ready for the next meeting with a plan to plant the shrubs as soon as possible and the trees in the early winter.
2. The Planning Decision was considered and the following points made
  - a) the buffer zone planting of trees and shrubs should be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority (LPA)
  - b) Trees and shrubs should be planted along the east and south boundaries to the satisfaction of the LPA, Councillors considered that this would spoil the view and be expensive to maintain
  - c) A post and rail fence should be placed along the east and south boundaries, this has been done
  - d) Burials should start from the southern end of the cemetery and move northwards, this is the reverse of the discussions with the Archdeacon and goes against the operation of the existing graveyard
  - e) An archaeological works programme should be agreed in writing with the LPA and then implemented

It was resolved that the Clerk would meet with the LPA and discuss these issues and report back

3. Tender requests had been sent to three contractors and results were requested by the end of March. It was decided not to cut the hedge on the west boundary until the late Autumn and then cut it annually and to cut the grass at least monthly in season
4. Date of consecration, in light of Rev Nigel Strafford's letter it was resolved to recommend to the Parish Council that consecration should happen in the Autumn 2009
5. Tasks to get ready for the consecration were agreed
  - a) the fourth stone had been ordered and when received all four stones would be re-positioned
  - b) trees and shrubs for the buffer zone would be arranged as point 1 above
  - c) a hedge would be planted at the edge of the buffer zone and seats placed in it
  - d) Chairman would obtain costings for the 'stone map' agreed in principle at a previous meeting
  - e) Paths need to be dug out
6. The style of consecration was discussed. Following questions being raised about the scale of the event it was agreed to redo the village history book and deliver this to every home along with an invite to the consecration.