

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at Bakestone Moor Community Hall at 19.00 on Wednesday 19 October 2011

Present:

Councillor S Maiden in the Chair,
Councillor S Frow,
Councillor V Mills,
Councillor T Munro,
Mr N Turner and Mr C J Walters, representing Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2. Resolution to exclude members of the public and press in order to discuss items of a confidential nature

It was **resolved** to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

3. To consider the details and the specification of the Cemetery Contract for 2012 to 2015

The Chair thanked Mr Turner and Mr Walters for their attendance and explained the proposal to change the basis of the contract. The contractor would collect and retain all fees for grave digging (the level of which would be the responsibility of the contractor, subject to prior approval by the council) and collect and pass to the council an administration fee (the level of which would be the responsibility of the council).

A discussion followed on the advantages and disadvantages of the various levels of fee.

Mr Turner and Mr Walters indicated that they are prepared to accept the terms of the new contract and that they would provide an indication of their proposed fees within the next couple of weeks.

It was **resolved**:

1. to recommend to the council that the contract for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 be offered on the agreed terms to Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd and
2. to recommend that the council conduct discussions at an early stage on the level of the administration fee and, in particular, whether the principle of double fees for non-residents shall apply.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.34.

Signed Chairman

Date