

MINUTES - All Saints Churchyard Committee

Meeting held on 31st August 2011 at 7 p.m.

Present: Debbie Brady (PCC)
Paul Brooker (Church Representative)
Paul Butcher (Parish Council)
Paul Kelly (Parish Council)

Apologies: None

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 7th June 2011 had been circulated and were agreed to be a true record.

Matters Arising:

1. Paul Butcher reported that the PC Tree Warden had retired and a replacement has not been appointed. The possibility of asking the Maidstone Borough Council Tree Warden to inspect the trees was suggested. **Action: P. Butcher**
2. Debbie Brady reported that no answer has been received regarding insurance liabilities should falling trees damage a neighbouring property.
3. PCC representatives have conducted an inspection of the churchyard headstones with a view to health and safety. As a result 4 headstones had been laid down and recorded with the Church Wardens.
4. The complaint received regarding the north boundary stone wall is being handled by the Church Wardens.
5. Churchyard Extension Fence: Two quotations were received and Bushell's Fencing quotation, being the lowest, was accepted via e-mail before this meeting. The Parish Clerk has confirmed by e-mail that the Parish Council will pay for this work. Bushell's Fencing is due to commence work on 7th September 2011.

Churchyard Inspection:

1. Paul Kelly reiterated that in his opinion the hedges should be cut more than once a year. He suggested they should be cut in line with the frequency employed at Maidstone Crematorium. Debbie Brady advised that the customary 'one cut per year' is scheduled for November/December and explained this is to keep costs down and wildlife disruption to a minimum.
2. On inspecting the Churchyard Extension Paul Butcher voiced his concerns that the current pathway will not be 'fit for purpose'. The loose chippings will not be

suitable for Pallbearers to carry/push (using a bier) any coffin with safety. PB will bring this to the attention of the PC. **Action: P. Butcher**

Any Other Business:

1. Proposed Budget 2012: This was presented to the committee and agreed. The PC representatives will take this forward to the main Council meeting.

Action: P. Butcher/P. Kelly

Date of next meeting:

TBA

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.

cc: Convenor: Buildings and Grounds Committee
Churchyard Committee
Parish Clerk