

# MINUTES - All Saints Churchyard Committee

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Meeting held on 7th June 2011 at 7 p.m.

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

Apologies: Paul Brooker

## Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting 19th November 2010 had been circulated to the previous committee members and were agreed to be a true record by Paul Butcher. Paul Kelly requested a copy of these for his records. **Action: D. Brady.**

## Matters Arising:

Paul Butcher will investigate whether the PC Tree Warden had inspected the trees to the south boundary of the churchyard before vacating the position. Apparently there is no one currently in post as Tree Warden. **Action: P. Butcher.**

## Churchyard Inspection:

1. The south boundary of the churchyard at the end of the pathway needs clearing as it has become very overgrown. **Action: D. Brady to contact Graham.**
2. Paul Butcher asked about the church's insurance. Would we be covered if a tree were to fall in the churchyard damaging a neighbouring property? Question to be taken to Buildings and Grounds committee. **Action: D. Brady.**
3. The Honeysuckle on the wrought-iron fencing of the old cremated remains requires trimming. **Action: D. Brady to contact Graham.**
4. Paul Kelly thought that the hedges should be cut now. Debbie Brady advised that they are scheduled to be cut in December and that it has been customary for some years that only one cut is made. This is to keep costs down and so as not to overly disturb any wildlife.
5. A complaint has been received regarding the north boundary stone wall. On inspection it was agreed that we could not identify any particularly dangerous section. It was agreed to leave this matter with Brian Summers who is to arrange a meeting to discuss the problem. Debbie Brady to keep Churchyard Committee apprised.

6. The owners of the Old Rectory have complained about the wood fencing which is on the boundary of their property and the new burial ground. Two of the fence posts and panels are leaning towards the burial grounds. On inspection we determined that the posts themselves are intact as are the panels. It will be necessary for the posts to be dug out and re-housed in concrete, preferably within a metal sleeve. A buttress at the base of this section of fencing may prevent a similar occurrence. The following questions need to be answered before undertaking this work:
- a) Who paid for and erected the original fence? *Action: D. Brady.*
  - b) Who should be responsible for the costs of fixing this problem, the PC or the Church? *Action: D. Brady and Paul Butcher.*

**Any Other Business:**

None.

**Date of next meeting:**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at 7p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8 p.m.

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