

Minutes of the Cemetery Sub Committee
held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street Uppermill
on Monday 16th June 2008

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Birse - Chairman
Cllr. Mr M. Buckley
Cllr. Mr. P. Bagley

8. **Apologies for Absence** – None
9. **Update on previous minutes** – Following advice from a local a tree / landscape consultant,, the trees and bushes over-shadowed the graves in the first two fields have been trimmed.
10. **Condition of graves** – there are a number of graves in the Cemetery where plants have become overgrown or the area planted exceeds the distance allowed. Attempts have been made to contact the owners of fourteen graves in the first two fields. Two of the graves have now changed to comply with the rules. Of the remaining graves five appear to be being maintained on a regular basis. It was agreed that a small notice will be placed on all the twelve graves that need attention requesting the owner to contact the Council Offices. Details will also be passed to the members of the Sub Committee for them to assist in tracing next of kin.

It was agreed that if no response is received the Council will carry out the necessary work and attempt to recover the cost.

There are a number of graves in other parts of the cemetery that need attention. Letters will now be sent to the owners of those graves advising them of the Cemetery rules and requesting them to comply with the rules

11. **Cemetery charges** – The charges for interments were last increased in June 2006 to reflect an increase in fees paid to the grave digger. He has now requested an increase to reflect cost of living increases, including fuel and other expenses. He has also offered to assume responsibility for ensuring that the cemetery remains neat and tidy, particularly the removal of dead flowers and associated waste as part of the increased fees.

It was agreed that the payments to the grave digger and the charges for Interments and Exclusive Rights of Burial should be increased from 1st July 2008. It was recommended that the additional net income should be retained in a Cemetery Reserve account and that the Cemetery charges should be reviewed on an annual basis.