

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

The minutes of a meeting of the Abingdon-on-Thames New Cemetery Working Party held in Roysse Court on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillor Marilyn Badcock - Chairman
Councillor Jeanette Halliday - Vice Chairman
Councillor Alice Badcock
Councillor Lesley Legge
Councillor Herman Matheson

In Attendance: Mr Stephen Rich - Head of Services
Mr Timothy Badcock - Cemetery and Works Supervisor

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest raised at this point in the meeting.

3. **Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Councillor Alice Badcock and seconded by Councillor Jeanette Halliday and **resolved** that Councillor Marilyn Badcock be elected Chairman of the New Cemetery Working Group of the civic year 2014 / 2015.

4. **Election of Vice Chairman**

It was proposed by Councillor Marilyn Badcock and seconded by Councillor Alice Badcock and **resolved** that Councillor Jeanette Halliday be elected Vice Chairman of the New Cemetery Working Group of the civic year 2014 / 2015.

5. **New Cemetery**

After much discussion regarding the two cemeteries currently in use the Committee were reminded that the Cemetery Service Review estimated that the Town Council only had approximately ten years of new grave space left in the in the Spring Gardens cemetery.

It was considered that nothing less than 10 acres would suffice for a growing town such as Abingdon-on-Thames.

The Working Group suggested that the new cemetery should consist of a Lodge, a chapel, Reception area and car parks as whatever area was chosen would be on the outskirts of

the town. Officers were also asked to look into the business case for the building of a crematorium in Abingdon-on-Thames.

Officers were instructed to write to the Vale of White Horse District Council to request that they assist in finding a piece of land, within Abingdon-on-Thames and proposed the following sites:

- South Abingdon – land adjacent to the Masefield playing area.
- North Abingdon – land at Lodge Hill / Dunmore Road and Peachcroft Farm.
- Radley Road / Audlet Drive – Barrow Hill.

Meeting rose at 7.15pm

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