



## The Friends of Raikes Road Burial Ground

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF RAIKES ROAD BURIAL GROUND held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 2 pm at Skipton Town Council Offices, Barclay's Bank Chambers, Skipton.**

Present: Jean Robinson, Robert G Heseltine, Steven Brackley, Valerie Mason, Eileen Hannigan, Stephanie Carter and Mark Santos [Minutes]

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Isabel Warren, Hazel Bulcock, Les Chandler [Skipton Town Council] and Wendy Brown [Skipton Town Council], Eric Jaquin and Lesley Gould.

#### **2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were approved by the Committee members present at that meeting.

#### **3. Post of Treasurer**

Members nominated Lesley Gould for the post of Treasurer and will confirm this at the next meeting.

#### **4. Trees**

The Beech tree at the north end of the area is to be removed by Tony Binns, Tree Surgeon, as this poses a Health and Safety risk. Due to the location arrangements have had to be made with the farm for access from the adjoining field.

Some minor pruning has already taken place and a cherry tree has also been removed.

Steven Brackley will aim to finish his Tree Plan in the coming weeks and this will be submitted to the Diocese for approval.

#### **5. Gravestone Safety**

It was agreed to re-approach Mr Blades from Sexton Contractors to look at securing the stones nearest to the proposed pathway and agree an annual survey of the other stones.

## **6. Ongoing and planned work**

Robert Heseltine has agreed to straighten the 'Crag Family Area' in May time, weather permitting.

Les and Jean will discuss items to consider looking at, as the next meeting will take place on-site.

Jean will approach schools to generate interest in the site.

Les and Jean have arranged with the Diocese to only have to pay a one-off £160 access fee as opposed to having to pay £160 for each individual visit.

## **7. Promoting and expanding the Friends' Group**

It was agreed that another leafleting campaign should take place once appropriate media has been created and that this will be distributed by Valerie and Eileen.

Jean informed Members that she would be putting up posters in places around Town, including the Library and the Town Hall.

## **8. Grants**

A grant has been confirmed, but not yet received, from the Craven District Council Localism Grant for £1114.

Applications will also be made to Skipton Town Council, Tarn Moor Trust, Federation of Cemetery Friends, Yorventure, Big Lottery Fund, The Mechanics Institute and the Local Rotary Clubs.

## **9. Natural Links**

There is currently nothing to report on this item, however, the Burial Ground will hopefully be able to be incorporated into the Natural Links scheme.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Members decided that Les should pursue adding the volunteer forms he created to the Volunteer Centre's list.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 1.30pm at the Raikes Road Cemetery site entrance.