



The Friends of Raikes Road Burial Ground

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF RAIKES ROAD BURIAL GROUND held on Tuesday 29th October 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Skipton Town Council Offices, Barclay's Bank Chambers, Skipton.

Present: Jean Robinson (Chairman), Hazel Bulcock, Stephanie Carter, Audrey Crossley, Robert Heseltine, Jane Kulkova, Valerie Mason, Sue Montgomery, Daniel Webb, and Les Chandler (Minutes).

1. Apologies for absence

Norrie Earl, Eileen Hannigan, Audrey Harrison and Rev. Adrian Botwright.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 30th July 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 30th July 2013 were approved by the Committee members present at that meeting.

3. Matters Arising From The Minutes

None.

4. Expenses Payments

Jean to liaise with the Treasurer about:

- drawing up a draft expenses claim form; and
- reporting the Friends' financial position at Group meetings.

5. Grants

The application to Skipton Building Society's *Grassroots Giving* programme, for £500 towards the environmental aspects of the restoration project, has been rejected.

6. Ongoing and Planned Work

The Action Plan for the 2013-14 Restoration Project was updated, incorporating the findings of the research visits completed to date.

It was noted that the deadline for the bird survey would have to be extended to cover a full twelve months, to September 2014.

Les to contact the Heritage Lottery Fund to ask if production of, and therefore expenditure on, the interpretation panels could be put back to allow for the inclusion of data collected after June 2014.

7. Any Other Business

The meeting received Rev. Adrian Botwright's resignation from the Group, following his reassignment to Thirsk, and acknowledged his best wishes for its future success. The Group agreed that Rev Botwright should, as suggested, be invited to the Grand Opening of the newly restored burial ground in June 2014.

Youth work: it was noted that *North Yorkshire Youth* is looking for projects that young people can work on but that, because they would need to be supervised, the Burial Ground Restoration Project is probably not suitable for the scheme.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th January 2014 at 7.00 pm.

It was noted that the succeeding meeting, in April 2014, would need to include the Annual General Meeting, as prescribed in the Group's constitution.