

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD
25 JULY 2007

(19:00 to 20:50)

PRESENT: London Borough of Merton
Councillors Margaret Brierly, Angela Caldara, Patricia Lewis,
George Reynolds and Ron Wilson.

London Borough of Sutton
Councillors John Drage and Peter Wallis

ALSO PRESENT: Grant Miles (Treasurer), Howard Joy (Surveyor), Mike Smith
(Registrar) and Colin Millar (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Chapman

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2007/08

RESOLVED: That Councillor Drage is appointed as Chair for 2007/08

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2007/08

RESOLVED: That Councillor Patricia Lewis is appointed as vice-Chair for
2007/08

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2007
(Agenda item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes are agreed as a correct record.

4 DISCUSSION WITH MRS LINDA GOODSON

Mrs Goodson attended the meeting and discussed issues of concern arising from her tenancy on the Board's land. The main issues were provision of an electricity supply and dealing with the flooding.

The Board agreed to consider what Mrs Goodson had said and to respond soon. The Surveyor would arrange a site meeting

5 INTERNMENT STATISTICS (Agenda item 4)

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6 ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 2006/07 AND BUDGETARY CONTROL 1ST
QUARTER 2007/08 (Agenda item 5)

Members agreed that before any decision was made on return of surplus to the constituent boroughs they would need to be aware of the likely costs of improvements to the Board's land.

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7 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of information relating to the financial affairs of

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a particular individual.

8 LAND HOLDINGS: PROGRESS REPORT (Agenda item 6)

Members agreed that the Board needed to consider improvements to the Board's land whether or not the current tenancy continued. A further meeting of the Board should be called to consider a report to be commissioned into the works necessary to resolve the flooding and drainage issues.

RESOLVED: That the Surveyor is authorised to

- 1) commission a report into the drainage and flooding issues and to bring this to a meeting of the Board as soon as possible for further consideration.
- 2) arrange mains electricity supply to Area C and associated expenditure for this up to £25,000.
- 3) serve notice the tenant to prevent contaminated water entering onto the land owned by London Borough of Sutton.
- 4) arrange a site meeting to liaise with the tenant.
- 5) arrange clearance of fly-tipping on Green Lane on a regular basis
- 6) once the estimates for improving the drainage and providing mains electricity are available to explore further with Ms Goodson the assistance required on rent payments and report the results of both matters to The Board for consideration.
- 7) to complete matters relating to the application by the tenant of Area A to install a portacabin on this area.

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL INSPECTION

Members asked the Cemetery Supervisor to look into various items

- treatment of the shed
- notice board replacement
- notice regarding grave maintenance
- gates, barriers and wall at the front of the cemetery
- heating in the waiting area
- planting to screen the scaffold yard