The Parish of Barmby-on-the-Marsh Burial Ground Management Regulations

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1 Definitions

In these regulations:

"the Council" means Barmby-on-the-Marsh Parish Council

"Resident" means

- a. Anyone living in the village of Barmby-on-the-Marsh immediately prior to death
- b. Anyone who was a continuous resident in the village for a period of 5 years or greater immediately before leaving the village to receive recognised care or anyone who has a living partner in the village at the time of their death.
- c. Anyone born in the village or who had at least one parent who lived in the village at the time of their birth.

"Non-resident" means

Anyone who does not satisfy the definition of resident.

"Grantee" person who has purchased the exclusive right of burial for a nominated grave space.

2 Exclusive Rights of Burial

All graves, for either interred remains or cremated remains, may be purchased as an exclusive right of burial which is granted for a term of 99 years. The purchase of the exclusive right of burial is not the purchase of the grave itself but only the right to decide who shall be buried in that grave during the time the grant is valid. The maximum number of burials in any space for which exclusive right of burial has been granted is two.

The exclusive right of burial also provides the grantee with permission to erect a headstone/memorial plaque, in accordance with these regulations.

The grant of the exclusive right of burial in any grave is at the absolute discretion of the council.

Only one exclusive right of burial may be held by any one person.

The purchase of the exclusive rights of burial of either a burial and cremation plot can be made prior to the first internment by either residents or non-residents. The fees for such a purchase are the same as the current costs of plots being purchased immediately prior to first internment.

3 Fees

3.1 Burial

Grant of exclusive right of burial for a resident - £350
Grant of exclusive right of burial for a non-resident - £1,500

3.2 Burial of Cremated Remains

Grant of exclusive right of burial for a resident - £75

Grant of exclusive right of burial for a non-resident - £500

3.3 Transfer of Exclusive Rights of Burial

The transfer of the exclusive right of burial following the first internment in a plot will be completed for the following fees:

Transfer to a village "resident" - £ NIL

Transfer to a non village resident - £25

The transfer of the exclusive right of burial prior to the first internment will be completed for the same fee as that charged following the first internment.

An additional fee will be levied where the transfer of plot purchased by a resident is to be transferred to a non resident prior to the first internment. This additional fee will be equivalent to the difference in cost, at the time of transfer, between the purchase of the exclusive right of burial for a resident and a non resident.

4 Headstones/Memorial Plaques

4.1 Burial Plots

4.1.1 Dimensions

All headstones for grave spaces (interred remains) must comply with the following dimensions:

Maximum Height 762mm (30in)

(determined from ground level)

Maximum Width 762mm (30in)

Maximum Thickness 101mm (4in)

Any headstone base must be an integral part of the headstone design and be included within the above dimensions.

All headstones must include the grave space number this maybe included as part of the mason's trademark, see 4.1.5.

4.1.2 Materials

Headstones must be constructed from natural stone (e.g. marble, granite, slate). Grave surrounds or kerb stones, of any nature are not permitted, i.e. wooden, concrete, stone, plastic, gravel etc.

4.1.3 Flower Containers

No more than two flower containers per grave space, incorporated as part of the headstone, are permitted.

4.1.4 Wording

Inscriptions should be simple and respectful; all wording must be approved by the burial committee before the headstone may be sited. Inscriptions may be incised or in relief, and may be coloured a shade lighter or darker than the surrounding stone.

4.1.5 Trademarks

No advertisement or trademark may be inscribed on any memorial. A mason's name may be inscribed at the side or on the reverse of the headstone near to the bottom of the stone. This must be in unleaded letters no larger than 12mm (0.4in) in height.

4.1.6 Maintenance

Maintenance of the memorial is the responsibility of the grave owner, who is expected to maintain the memorial in a sound and safe condition. The burial committee reserves the right to take whatever action it deems necessary should a memorial be broken or unsafe.

4.1.7 Foundations

All headstones must be laid on a foundation placed at the head of the plot, this is to be constructed of reinforced concrete or natural stone not exceeding 965mm (38in) in length, 450mm (18in) in width and of an appropriate thickness to support the headstone. The top of the foundation should be level with the surrounding turf.

4.2 Plots for Cremated Remains

4.2.1 Dimensions

All memorial plaques on grave spaces for cremated remains must comply with the following dimensions:

Maximum Length 450mm (18in)

Maximum Width 450mm (18in)

Maximum Thickness 80mm (3in)

All memorial plaques must be laid horizontally on the centre of the grave space and must be fixed and level with the surrounding turf.

All memorials must include the grave space number.

4.2.2 Materials

Memorials must be constructed from natural stone (e.g. marble, granite, slate).

4.2.3 Flower Containers

One flower container per grave space, incorporated as part of the memorial stone, is permitted.

4.2.4 Wording

Inscriptions should be simple and respectful; all wording must be approved by the burial committee before the memorial may be sited. Inscriptions may be incised or in relief, and may be coloured a shade lighter or darker than the surrounding stone.

4.2.5 Trademarks

No advertisement or trademark may be inscribed on any memorial. A mason's name may be inscribed on the side of the memorial near to the bottom of the stone. This must be in unleaded letters no larger than 12mm (0.4in) in height.

4.2.6 Maintenance

Maintenance of the memorial is the responsibility of the grave owner, who is expected to maintain the memorial in a sound and safe condition. The burial committee reserves the right to take whatever action it deems necessary should a memorial be broken or unsafe.

5 Scattering of Cremated Remains

The scattering of cremated remains in the burial ground is permitted, usually in the wooded area to the west of the area used for internments. This wooded area of the burial ground will be consecrated. Permission must be granted by the burial committee, in writing, before any remains are scattered in this area or any other area of the burial ground.

6 Flowers

Wreaths and other cut flowers may be laid on a grave, but must be removed as soon as they appear to be withered. Artificial flowers, Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths are allowed to be laid or placed in containers but these should be removed after a period of not more than two months. The planting of trees, rose bushes or any other shrubs, to mark a place of internment, is not permitted.