



Langton Matravers Parish Council

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

including fees, payments and sums fixed and settled under S. 34 of the Burial Act 1852

The fees, payments and sums set out below apply where the person to be interred, or in respect of whom the right of burial is granted, is, or immediately before death was, an inhabitant of the Parish of Langton Matravers. In other cases the fees, payments and sums will be doubled, except that those set out in Parts 1 and 3 will not be doubled in cases where the Exclusive Right of Burial in the grave in question was acquired at the single fee set out in Part 2. Single fees may be permitted in cases where a former resident of the parish has been admitted from the Parish of Langton Matravers into a Hospital or Nursing-Home, or into Care.

PART 1 – INTERMENTS IN A GRAVE

1. of the body of a still-born child or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month.....£ Nil
2. of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed twelve years.....£50.00
3. of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years.....£350.00
4. of cremated remains.....£90.00

PART 2 - EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

1. for a period of 99 years in an earthen grave 92cms (3 ft.) by 213.3 cms (7 ft.) adjacent to a path.....£390.00
There shall be no more than one inhumation per grave unless, at the time that the exclusive right of burial was given, it was granted on the basis of no more than two inhumations for that specific grave
2. for a period of 99 years in an earthen grave 92cms (3 ft.) by 213.3 cms (7 ft.) not adjacent to a path.....£360.00
There shall be no more than one inhumation per grave unless, at the time that the exclusive right of burial was given, it was granted on the basis of no more than two inhumations for that specific grave

3. for a period of 99 years in an earthen Grave 61cm. (2ft.) by 92cms (3 ft.) of a maximum of two burials of cremated remains.....£240.00
4. There shall be no more than three burials of cremated remains permitted within one Inhumation Burial Plot.
5. All Grants of Exclusive Right to Burial are given on the basis that all subsequent internments; erection and maintenance of monuments and the placement of floral or other tributes will be in full compliance with the then current cemetery regulations.

PART 3 – MONUMENTS

(N.B. All Monuments to be of either Purbeck Stone or Portland Stone.

All cremation monuments must be in tablet form).

1. For an upright headstone not exceeding 92cms (3 ft.) in height and 61cm. (2ft.) in width, which may include a base that must be flush with the ground and no more than 30.5cms (12 inches) in depth which may include a vase-holder or a trough for plants, unless the stone is to be erected upon a double-width plot, when it must not exceed 92cms (3 ft.) in both width and height, which may include a base as described above and must be the only memorial on the double-width plot.....£120.00
2. For a flat stone not exceeding 61cm. (2ft.) square to be placed over a cremation burial, which may also include a vase-holder.....£60.00
3. For all secondary or subsequent alterations to inscriptions on any monument.....£30.00
4. No monument may be made or erected until written permission has been obtained from the Clerk and full payment made of the fee. Applications must be submitted in writing, together with the monument fee. A drawing of the proposed monument must be submitted, giving measurements and exact wording of the inscription. Stonemasons and relatives of persons buried in the Cemetery are warned that the Regulations concerning size and materials of monuments will be strictly enforced. With the Deed of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial in any plot will be attached a warning that it is the responsibility of the holder of Deed to ensure that the stonemason shall obtain permission before supplying, inscribing or erecting a permanent Monument on the plot.
5. For avoidance of doubt no part of the monument shall be other than as described in regulations 1 and 2 above. Kerbs of any kind around a burial plot and grave slabs are not permitted.
6. Stone memorials over cremated remains may be slightly raised at the top end, to a maximum height of 4 inches to allow rainwater to run off, thus preventing deterioration of the inscription.
7. No stone Monument shall be erected on any plot until eight months have elapsed since the initial burial, to allow for settlement of the soil. During the interim period a small wooden memorial shall be permitted, which must be removed when the permanent stone memorial is erected.
8. All standing Stone Monuments must be secured in accordance with the current recommendations of the Association of Burial Authorities.
9. The initials of the stonemason or the logo of the firm providing the monument shall be carved on the reverse side of all stone monuments.

10. If, during an inspection, a memorial is, in the view of the Parish Council, found to be unstable or unsafe, the holders of the Deed or their descendants will be contacted immediately. If they cannot be found, or if after due notification they fail to act within a period of three weeks from the time of the notification, the memorial shall either be laid flat on the plot, or be moved against a perimeter wall, so that visitors to the Cemetery and Council employees are not put at risk.
11. Funeral Directors will be responsible for the topping-up of subsidence of new graves for the first six months after a burial; the Council's Caretaker will be responsible for topping-up thereafter.

PART 4 – FLORAL AND OTHER TRIBUTES

1. The Cemetery is a plastic-free zone; all tributes should be of entirely natural materials.
2. Please remove all floral or other tributes from the cemetery when no longer required.
3. If, during an inspection, floral or other tributes are, in the view of the Parish Council, found:
 - a) to be or to have become "tired", unsightly or hazardous,
 - b) to impede effective lawn or grounds maintenance or
 - c) otherwise to cause nuisance or be in breach of these regulations.then such tributes shall be removed and disposed of as the Council deems fit.

PART 5 - ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

1. For all other matters connected with a burial arrangement or with a monument not referred to above, special prior application must be made to the Parish Council.
2. Burials arranged by a Funeral Director unknown to the Council may require payment of a Performance Sum, together with the full Fees in advance of the burial. Subject to satisfactory reinstatement of the grave and disposal of all surplus soil, the Performance Sum will be refunded.
3. Although the exclusive right of burial is by law now granted for a term of 99 years, the Parish Council is unable to guarantee the standard of upkeep after the cemetery has been filled and when therefore no further income is obtained from it.

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