BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS AND CHARGES

GREEN (NATURAL) BURIAL AREA

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FEES AND CHARGES

Fees for all cemetery services will be determined and published by the Parish Council annually to take effect from 1st April each year.

Burial plots for children up to the age of 18 years of families residing in the parish will be free of charge.

FEES PAID

Must be paid to Burial Clerk at least two working days prior to burial.

BURIAL REGISTER

The Parish Council Burial Clerk holds a Register of all burials. Searches may be made but charges may apply.

INTERMENT TIMES

The hours of interment will be between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Thursday and 10am and 2pm on Friday. No interment may normally take place at weekends or public holidays.

NOTICE OF INTERMENT

No interment shall take place without the permission of the Parish Council. Written Notice of Interment must be given to the Burial Clerk at least two working days before the day of the burial. This form should include the correct coffin size, type of coffin and details of the deceased and must be signed by the Funeral Director.

INTERMENTS

Only human remains shall be interred within the Burial Ground.

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

The Exclusive Right of Burial will be retained by the Burial Authority only and will not be available for purchase.

No person may hold, at any one time, more than two unused graves.

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COFFIN / SHROUD

Biodegradable coffins must be used for interment, or, if the body is to be enclosed in a shroud or winding sheet (the body is to be totally wrapped in this) it must be supported on a wooden board to provide rigidity for handling purposes. An unwrapped body must not be visible to members of the public.

GRAVE DEPTHS

The Local Authority Cemeteries Order Act 1977 states that a minimum of 3 feet of soil has to be between the top of the coffin interred and the ground level. Graves will only be dug to a single depth of approximately 5 feet.

LEVELLING GRAVES

After settlement, graves will be levelled to facilitate ease of maintenance.

REMOVAL OF REMAINS

No remains shall be removed without the appropriate Exhumation Order being obtained from the Ministry of Justice or other appropriate Statutory Authority.

INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS

Cremated remains shall be interred in a biodegradable container considered suitable by the Parish Council.

A Certificate of Cremation for burial purposes is required in the case of cremated remains. If none is available, confirmation from the Cremation Authority must be obtained.

The interment of ashes on top of existing burials or interments will be allowed at the discretion of the Parish Council and, as such, must be recorded in the Parish Register.

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Floral tributes will be removed, and disposed of, by the Parish Council, or their nominated person, three weeks after the interment has taken place.

The placing on graves of glass shades, items of pottery, glass jars, tins, plastic, ornamental chippings, solar illumination, wire mesh fences or any other items of wood, metal, plastic or any other material is strictly forbidden. Any item placed in contravention of these Regulations will be removed and disposed of by the Parish Council without notice.

The Parish Council reserves the right to remove, without notice, any flowers, plants or wreaths that in its opinion become unsightly and to dispose of the same in such a manner as deemed fit.

PLANTING ON GRAVES

Only bulbs approved by the Parish Council may be planted.

MEMORIALS

Plaques 12” x 6” in granite are the only memorials allowed in the natural burial ground. Permission must be sort from the Burial Authority prior to installation

SEATS/BENCHES

No seat or bench shall be placed in the Cemetery other than those authorised by the Parish Council.

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GRASS CUTTING

Is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

DOGS

No dogs are permitted in the cemetery, except guide dogs.

LITTER

All litter must be removed and placed in the bin provided.

GENERAL

Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and no alcohol will be allowed.

The dignity and calm of the cemetery should be respected at all times. Unattended children, together with such activities as ball games, riding bicycles and playing radios, are prohibited.

The Parish Council is empowered to alter, or amend, the foregoing regulations at any time and to introduce further regulations as they consider necessary.

The Parish Council may waive any of the foregoing Regulations where it considers there are exceptional circumstances.

DISCLAIMER

The Parish Council cannot be held responsible for any damage to any personal property taken into the Cemetery.

If any damage is caused to the Council's land or premises by bringing in any materials, gravestones, or monument or from any other cause, the person or persons doing such damage will be held responsible for the same and the Parish Council may recover the cost of repairing such damage from such person or persons and in addition take proceedings under Article 18 or the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 (a copy of which can be obtained from the relevant Government website).

The Parish Council will not be held liable for any injury to gravediggers, grass cutters, funeral director, clergy, stonemason or any other person working in the Cemetery at any time. Each individual must have their own insurance and work at their own risk.

The Parish Council will not be held liable for any injury to any person howsoever caused whilst attending the cemetery.

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