

## **FRITWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **RULES & REGULATIONS FOR FRITWELL CEMETERY**

Fritwell Cemetery is a non-denominational civil cemetery under the authority of Fritwell Parish Council and is not connected to the parish church of St. Olave. It is not consecrated ground and is a "Lawn Cemetery", which means it has been laid down to lawn free from kerbing and floral tributes apart from the 2ft at the head of the grave, which includes the headstone.

#### **Admission to the Cemetery**

The cemetery is open to the public at all times.

#### **Visitors Health and Safety Regulations**

No dogs, other than Assistance Dogs, are allowed in the cemetery.

No child under 12 years of age will be admitted to the cemetery except under the care of a responsible person. All visitors are requested to stay on defined pathways except whilst visiting graves.

Bicycles, skateboards and scooters must not be ridden in the cemetery.

The Parish Council will exclude from the cemetery at any time any person who, in its opinion, conducts himself/herself in a noisy, disorderly or unseemly manner. No glass or earthenware jars or vases shall be placed on any grave.

#### **Register of Burials**

A register of burials is kept by the Clerk and may be searched on application to the Clerk.

#### **Exclusive Right of Burial**

An exclusive right of burial for a period of 99 years may only be purchased when submitting a notice of interment, for future use. In other words a double grave may be purchased when burying one member of the couple to be buried there.

Either inhabitants or non-inhabitants of the village may purchase grave spaces, however the charges are higher for non-inhabitants of the village (see charges below).

Non-residents must comply with three out of the four following criteria to be able to purchase a grave space :

- have previously lived in the village for at least ten years;
- has immediate family (either parents or children) currently living in the village;

- has immediate family (either parents or children) already buried in the churchyard or cemetery; or
- have immediate family moving into the village within the next three months.

The Parish Council shall determine the selection of grave spaces in accordance with the plan of the cemetery but will try take into consideration the purchaser's wishes.

### **Condition of Graves**

- All graves shall be left flat. No mounds, plinths or kerbs shall be permitted to be placed on any grave.
- As soon as convenient after reinstatement of a grave the whole area will be re-turfed except for an area extending over a depth of 2ft from the head of the grave. This area is for the installation of a memorial.
- The Parish Council will permit, within this area at the head of the grave, the planting of small hardy plants, flowers or miniature rose bushes. No memorial, tree, shrub, plant, jar vase or flower bulbs shall be placed on the turfed area without the express permission of the Parish Council. If permission is granted it will be on the understanding that the grave will be regularly maintained in order that the cemetery remains tidy and well kept. If this does not happen, permission will be rescinded.
- The Parish Council reserves the right to remove any dead or old, dirty artificial flowers which look unkempt and untidy and to reinstate any neglected graves.
- The Parish Council reserves the right of passage over all graves for purposes in connection with the cemetery.
- The scattering of ashes on graves is not permitted but arrangements can be made to place the ashes under the turf with the consent of the Parish Council.

### **Memorials**

- An application for permission to erect a memorial shall be made initially to the Clerk. It should contain the dimensions and illustration of the memorial and be accompanied by the correct fee (see below).
- Memorials must not exceed
  - 91.5cms / 36 inches high x 76cms / 30 inches wide x 10cms / 4 inches deep for adult graves
  - 61cms – 24 inches high x 46cms / 18 inches wide x 10cms / 4 inches deep for a child's or baby's grave.
- The memorial shall be of a type and design appropriate for a rural cemetery (i.e. not a representation of an animal or inanimate object, such as a toy) and must be approved by a majority of the members of the Parish Council.
- All plants, small rose bushes, flower vases or headstones memorial must be maintained or kept in a state of tidiness or good repair as the case may be by the person planting, erecting or placing the same and in default thereof the Council shall remove or deal with them as they think fit.
- The Parish Council will not be responsible for any damage or breakages which may occur through adverse weather conditions or vandalism.
- All memorials are required to bear the plot reference number in line with cemetery records for identification purposes.

## **Removable Items**

The Council shall not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur to removable items placed on any grave during the ground maintenance or due to vandalism.

### **FRITWELL PARISH COUNCIL Fritwell Cemetery Charges**

(Note: fees do not include digging graves or erecting memorials)

	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Nonresidents</b>
<u>Exclusive Right of Burial:(1)</u>		
Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial in accordance with Regulations:		
– of the body of a person.	180.00	360.00
– of the cremated remains of a person.	105.00	210.00
<u>Each Burial in any grave:</u>		
– of a baby's body <1 month	Free	Free
– of a child's body 2 months-12 years	60.00	120.00
– of a person's body	105.00	210.00
– of a person's cremated remains	105.00	210.00
(a Double plot is twice the single plot fee)		
<u>Right to Erect and Inscribe a Memorial on a grave for which Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased</u>		
– on a full sized grave space	75.00	150.00
– on a grave space for cremated remains	75.00	150.00
– for a subsequent inscription on an existing memorial	50.00	100.00
<u>Administration fees:</u>		
Search of Burial Register	20.00	40.00
Search of Register of Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial	20.00	40.00
Certified extract of either Register	30.00	60.00
(1)- Exclusive right of burial is for a period of 99 years		

***Fritwell Parish Cemetery is fully compliant with current data protection regulations.***