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BURIAL FEES AND PAYMENTS

Fees, payments and sums fixed by Blaby Parish Council in pursuance of its powers in respect of the Cemetery situated on Mill Lane, Blaby, and to take effect from 1st October 2022

PURCHASE OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

GROUND

1. EXCLUSIVE BURIAL RIGHTS: DOUBLE (For 2):

Giving exclusive right to the ground for 100 years

An interment charge is to be made for each interment at the current fees for up to two burials, one burial and a maximum of 3 cremated ashes in one burial plot.

2. BURIAL INTERMENT

Charges will apply each time the grave is opened, whether for primary or secondary inhumation.

Interments of coffins (caskets) larger than 6' 6" x 2' 4", two single plots, side by side, must be purchased, at the appropriate fee. The coffin (casket) may be buried double deep, leaving room for additional interment(s), but must be interred centrally.

3. EXCLUSIVE BURIAL RIGHTS: CHILDREN'S GRAVES (SINGLE)

0-16 years – 6ft length

Giving exclusive right to the ground for 100 years.

4. EXCLUSIVE BURIAL RIGHTS CREMATED REMAINS: CREMATION PLOT (For 2):

Giving exclusive right to the ground for 100 years.

An interment charge is to be made at the current fees. A digging and interment charge will be charged for each named interment. A casket that contains two ashes will be charged as 2 interment fees and 2 digging fees.

5. INTERMENT OF ASHES/ CREMATED REMAINS

Ashes interments: An ashes plot is sufficient for two containers of ashes laid 'front and back' each container no larger than 12" x 8" x 6"

DIGGING CREMATION FEES

Cremation digging fees will be applied per named ashes, not per casket and are applied by the Parish Council for cremation plots only.

BURIAL DIGGING FEES

Funeral Directors will be responsible for the digging arrangements and will apply a digging fee for the opening of grave spaces.

BURIAL FEES – PURCHASED AT TIME OF INTERMENT						
EXCLUSIVE BURIAL RIGHTS	EXCLUSIVE BURIAL RIGHTS Stillborn – 1 YEAR	EXCLUSIVE BURIAL RIGHTS 1 - 6 YEARS	EXCLUSIVE BURIAL RIGHTS 6 – 16 YEARS	EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS CREMATED REMAINS	INTERMENT FEE	DIGGING FEE (CREMATION ONLY)
£300	£0	£0	£0	£150	£150	£150
£1,500	£65	£125	£250	£550	£550	£550

MONUMENT/MEMORIALS

For the named person/s on the Deed/Grant of Right of Burial to erect, place and amend on a grave or cremation plot:

Memorial stones must be made from natural materials, granite, slate, or marble only.

Memorials may only be erected by an approved stone mason once Blaby Parish Council have approved the permit from an approved stone mason.

On a grave, 8 ft. x 4 ft.

Headstone/Memorial Stone no larger than 2ft. 6” in height and a maximum width of 2ft. 6” in. All headstones as of 1st March 2014 will be in uniform rows with no garden section permitted, the area in front of memorials will be turfed. Any vases must be contained on the plinth.

On 2 x single plots

Headstone/Memorial Stone no larger than 2ft. 6” in. in height and maximum width of 2ft. 6” in. Purchased for the interment of coffins (caskets) larger than 6’ 6” x 2’ 4”, memorials must be placed either to the left or right, in alignment with memorials on other rows. They may not be placed centrally.

Children’s Memorials

Headstone/Memorial Stone no larger than 2ft. 6” in. in height and maximum width of 2ft. 6” in.

On a cremation plot with path

Maximum height from ground, including base, 12”

Maximum width, including base, 15”

Maximum length, including base, 15”

On a cremation plot without a path (Sloping tablet style only)

Maximum height from ground, including base, 5”

Maximum width, including base, 15”

Maximum length, including base, 15”

All Memorials

a) Maximum depth (front to back) of the base...15”

b) Maximum thickness (front to back) of the inscribed slab, whether upright or sloping ... 5”

c) Overall thickness (front to back) of the memorial, including vases, supports, inscribed slab, etc. must not exceed depth of base...15”

No kerbs or fixtures are allowed. Plans and inscriptions for memorials must be submitted to the Manager to the Council for approval

MONUMENT/MEMORIAL/ TREE FEE					
	RIGHT TO ERECT	ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTION	ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT MEMORIAL	MEMORIAL TREE LEAF INSCRIPTION ONLY	MEMORIAL TREE LEAF INSCRIPTION AND ARTWORK
PARISHIONER	£100	£50	£100	£95.00 + VAT	£125.00 + VAT
NON-PARISHIONER	£100	£50	£100	£95.00 + VAT	£125.00 + VAT

OTHER FEES

	ADMIN FEE	EXHUMATION FEE	REPLACEMENT DEED
PARISHIONER	£50	£250	£10
NON-PARISHIONER	£50	£250	£10

FEES

Please be aware all fees are subject to change in line with rules & regulations at the time of interment.

PARISHIONERS

At the time of death, the person to be interned must be a Blaby resident and had been residing in the Parish of Blaby. If the person to be interned passed away for example in hospital or residential care, proof of their residential address must be provided to honour parishioners' fees. In the case of a still-born child, at least one parent at the time of the interment are inhabitants or parishioners.

Blaby resident fees will only be applied if the Blaby resident applies directly to the Parish Council and not via a third party.

NON-PARISHIONERS

The Manager has discretion to waive increased fees for non-parishioners in the case of parishioners of long standing who have been obliged to reside outside the parish during their declining years in order to receive nursing or other residential care.

This will be applicable to a non-parishioner who lived in Blaby for a minimum of 40 years and spent less than 4 years outside of Parish. Due to receiving nursing or residential care. Evidence of this will need to be provided to the Manager.

PEACE MEADOW (SCATTERING OF ASHES AREA)

Prior to any scattering permission must be sought by contacting the Parish Council offices. A cremation certificate must be provided to the Council prior to any scattering and ashes are only permitted in the gravelled area. This service is free of charge however, a memorial tree leaf must be purchased prior to the scattering and will be erected to the memorial tree by the Parish Council ground staff.

PEACE MEADOW MEMORIAL TREE

The memorial tree leaves are an alternative memorial and available to all, each leaf will include a personalized inscription with a licence for 10 years. Once the licence period expires, the leaf will be removed from the tree and presented back to the family. (Please speak to the Parish Council for more details).

CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) All visitors are welcome to the cemetery, and they are asked to respect the peace and dignity of the facility, any person behaving in an appropriate manner may be asked to leave by a member of the Council Staff.
- 2) All persons entering the cemetery do so at their own risk, the Parish Council will not accept any liability for injuries or damage sustained, however caused.
- 3) The Parish Council shall not be held responsible for the loss or damage to any vehicle parked in the cemetery. All vehicles are left at the owner's risk.
- 4) Cycling and the playing of games is forbidden in the grounds.
- 5) Visitors may be accompanied by a dog provided it is kept on a lead and causes no nuisance. Dog owners are requested to clear up any dog fouling.
- 6) No sound reproducing equipment or musical instruments to be played in the cemetery without prior consent from the Parish Council.
- 7) The Cemetery is an open space that is available for all to visit and walk through, therefore Blaby Parish Council cannot be held responsible for damage to, or theft from, graves memorial or benches.
- 8) All cut flowers to be placed on the grave in a suitable container not exceeding 1 ft. x 1 ft. x 1 ft. in size, in either iron, stone or other heavy bodied material approved by the Parish Council.
- 9) No Glass bottles, jars, jugs, or breakable ornaments are permitted.
- 10) Wreaths and cut flowers must be removed when they have withered.
All litter including dead flowers must be deposited in the bins provided or removed from the cemetery.
- 11) Water is supplied please make sure the tap is switch off.
- 12) No alcoholic tributes are permitted. Relatives are advised to seek the opinion of the Council as to permitted ornaments in the event of any doubt as to suitability.
- 13) No rose bush, plants or standard, shrub tree or bulbs shall be planted on any (grassed) plot area, or any planting undertaken in the surrounding area.
- 14) No fences or edging of any kind will be permitted around the edge of the grave.
- 15) No small stones, gravel, stone chippings, pebbles, slate or other similar materials may be used on cremation plots or graves.

- 16) The release of air filled or helium balloons or sky lanterns from the cemetery is strictly forbidden due to the adverse effect the balloon material, cords, ribbons, and lantern parts potentially have on the environment. It is prohibited to bring any type of balloons into the cemetery to display on graves, headstones, benches or in trees.
- 17) The release of Doves or Butterfly's must be requested in writing for permission.
- 18) The Council reserves the right to lower headstones plinths to ground level when, in the Council's opinion, such headstone is unsightly due to incorrect placements.
- 19) Aluminium markers on cremation plots must not be buried, obscured, or removed from the centre front of the plot under any circumstances.
- 20) The Council will make up ground, if sinking occurs, with good topsoil.
- 21) Deedholders must be aware that some disruption may occur to the surface of a grave if an adjacent grave is opened, this may be unavoidable. Disruptions will be kept to a minimum and the grave will be tidied afterwards, as much as possible.
- 22) Garden" graves may not exceed a maximum width of 2 ft. 6 in. It is recommended that the ground is left to settle for at least 6 months before any planting should take place.
- 23) New Burial Section – NO garden graves allowed only uniform rows are permitted. With exception of 0 – 16-year-olds in the child's section of the cemetery no.5 where garden graves are permitted.
- 24) No item be pinned, attached to, or hung from trees.
- 25) Requests for memorial benches will need to be submitted in writing to the Council. A successful application will be charged a fee for purchase and installation. Material used for new benches will be made from recycled plastic, maintenance will be carried out by the council. No plants, pots, or loose items will be permitted around the bench and no additional items can be fixed to the bench.
- 26) Pre-owned benches January 2022; Bench owners will need to contact the Council in writing before any maintenance can be carried out. If a bench is unsightly or which may present a health and safety risk, the Council has the right to charge the owner a maintenance fee or a removal fee.
- 27) Memorials - Please allow 12 months before erecting a memorial on a burial plot and 1 month on cremation plots.
- 28) No Memorial shall be erected upon any grave, unless the exclusive right of burial has been purchased and an application for permission to erect a memorial has been made by the registered owner, a copy of the Deed of Grant is to be provided with the memorial application and approved by the Council.
- 29) Full design and installation specification must be provided by the monumental mason to the Council in advance of any works commencing on site. Memorials can only be fitted by a memorial mason who is a member of the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) code of working practice and BS8415 to ensure safe installation of memorials.
- 30) All memorials when completed, shall remain the sole risk of the owner. Memorials must be kept in good repair by the owner.

- 31) Any memorial erected without prior permission and approval is unauthorised and may be removed and stored until such time as a proper application is made and approved. A fee for removal and storage will be applied.
- 32) The Council reserves the right to refuse to allow an inscription upon any memorial if, in the opinion of the Council, it is deemed to be libellous, inaccurate, or likely to cause offence to any person or body of persons.
- 33) If the inscription is not from the Bible or Psalms, then an explanation of the meaning is required.
- 34) Memorial tree request – There is no longer any space available we are unable to accept any further memorial tree requests.
- 35) Scattering of ashes is not permitted within the Cemetery other than in the Peace Meadow area. Written permission must be sought from the Council in advance and a copy of the cremation certificate provided. A memorial tree heart must be purchased before a scattering can take place.
- 36) Peace Meadow memorial tree leaves can be purchased for both interned or non-interned at the current fees.

The Council reserves the right to remove unauthorised items and to maintain graves to a reasonable standard. Including removal of items causing overcrowding and encroachment.

Blaby Parish Council may from time to time make alterations to the foregoing Rules & Regulations, and any Right of interments in any grave will be subject to these Rules & Regulations.

THESE FEES were approved and updated by Blaby Parish Council acting as Burial Authority at a Council Meeting held on 25th October 2022



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