

# Horsington Parish Council

## Horsington Cemetery 2019

The Parish Council runs the Cemetery which is situated on Lower Road, BA8 0BW.

Fees for the Cemetery are listed below – double rates are charged to those living outside of the Parish unless previous inhabitants of the parish.

The Council make no arrangement for grave digging etc. which is organised via the funeral directors.

The rules for management of the site and for memorials are listed below and written permission must be sought from the Parish Council before erecting any memorial at the site.

### LIST OF BURIAL CHARGES

Purchase of a full plot - rights granted for 99 years:	£195-00
Purchase of a cremation plot – (half plot for 99 years)	£100-00
Burial of adult	£100-00
Burial of child up to 16 years	£50-00
Burial of stillborn child	£20-00
Interment of ashes	£50-00
Use of Chapel for Service	£50-00

Minister's fees are additional to above.

### LIST OF MONUMENT CHARGES

Headstones or crosses between and up to 3 feet high	£100-00
Flat stone memorials – crematorium only	£40-00
Flower Vases	£20-00
Additional inscriptions to monuments	£37-50
Replacement of headstones	£30-00

**The Parish Council's written permission and approval must be obtained for the erection of headstones and memorials.**

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE HORSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY.**

The Parish Council is a burial authority and provides the cemetery for the use of the people of the Parish of Horsington. Despite having no right of burial, people from outside of the Parish can also apply to be buried in the Cemetery, but the fees incurred will be double those normally charged.

No burial, scattering of ashes, erection of a tombstone or memorial or the making of any additional inscription on such is to be carried out without the permission of the Parish Council. (SI 1977/204, SCH2, Part 1)

Exclusive rights of burial for plots are sold for a period of 99 years under the signature of the Clerk to the Parish Council.

A certificate of the right of burial is provided to the purchaser and one copy kept by the Parish Council (Held in the book – “Grant Exclusive right of burial”).

Graves to which the right of burial has been purchased are marked on the Cemetery plan. The purchase is also recorded in the index and body of the “Register of Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial” and in the “Register of Purchased Graves”.

Burials are recorded in the “Register of Burials” and the “Index to the Register of Burials” and the number of the burial is also shown alongside the purchase in the “Register of Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial” and in the “Register of Purchased Graves”.

Notices of Interment and Records of Cremation are kept in a marked folder and ordered by year.

The Parish Council is responsible for keeping the cemetery in good order and repair and as part of this may remove tombstones/kerbs etc. after giving proper notice, if there are no objections. The Parish Council may also remove a memorial that has been placed without gaining the appropriate permission and reclaim the cost from the person who instructed it to be placed. This also applies to any unauthorised changes to a grave.

The Parish Council accepts no liability for damage to monuments, however caused.

The Parish Council takes no responsibility for digging graves or organising any service or interment.

## **RULES SPECIFIC TO THE ERECTION OF HEADSTONES AND MEMORIALS.**

Headstones (including any plinth) shall be no more than 3 feet (900mm) high, 3 feet (900mm) wide and 6 inches (150mm) thick. The stone should preferably be sunk (without any plinth) 1 foot (300mm) below ground level and founded on a horizontal slab or secured to a plinth projecting not more than 2 inches (50mm) all round on a horizontal slab set below the level of the turf.

Cremation flat stone memorials should be flush with the surrounding turf.

Vases should be of standard size.

Monuments may be of natural wood or natural stone. Stones traditionally used in local buildings or closely similar to them in colour and texture are preferred. Synthetic materials are not permitted.

A monument shall not include any raised kerb, railings, stone or other chippings, statuary or birdbath. An engraved uncoloured picture (content to be approved) is acceptable.

All monuments shall be kept simple in shape.

### **Planting**

No planting of any kind is permitted on graves. It makes it extremely difficult to mow.

### **Adornment**

Excess dressing of graves is not encouraged and if it is deemed that there are too many items, these will be removed after 12 months from date of interment.

### **Permission**

Permission for erection of headstones and monuments is to be sought from the Parish Council.

Where the application is within the rules laid down, permission will be agreed by the Parish Council, who will then pass the application to the Clerk for signature. In the event of the application being outside of the agreed rules, the application will be put forward to the Parish Council for their consideration.

Unapproved memorial applications are to be returned to the stonemason with a letter explaining the reason they are unapproved and a request that the application is amended and re-submitted for Parish Council approval. Appeal may be made to the Parish Council in this instance.

Prior to erection of a memorial the stonemason is required to provide a details of the memorial for the Parish Council's final approval.

**Please dispose of dead flowers and rubbish in the dustbin provided.**

**Water butts collect rainwater and containers are provided for your use, please refill after using to stop the wind blowing them away.**

## **DOGS ARE WELCOME BUT MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS**

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