

# **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 60cms/2ft at the head of the grave, which includes the headstone. (See diagram).

### **Admission to the Cemetery**

The cemetery is always open to the public.

### **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, scooters etc. 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 themselves 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.

### **Purchase of grave spaces**

A grave space may only be purchased when submitting a notice of interment. There are no (new) reservations of grave spaces.

A double grave may be purchased at the time of submitting a notice of interment. The first grave will be dug at 9ft/2.74m deep, the subsequent grave will be on top of this.

Non-residents must comply with one of the 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

**The Parish Council shall determine the allocation and selection of grave spaces.**

## Condition of Graves

- All graves shall be left flat.
- Extra spoil from fresh graves should be removed by the grave digger within 5 working days after interment.
- As soon as convenient after a burial the whole area will be re-turfed except for an area extending over a depth of 2ft at 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 such as mowing.
- The scattering of ashes on graves is not permitted but arrangements can be made to place the ashes under the turf by application to the Parish Council and payment of the correct fee.

## Memorials

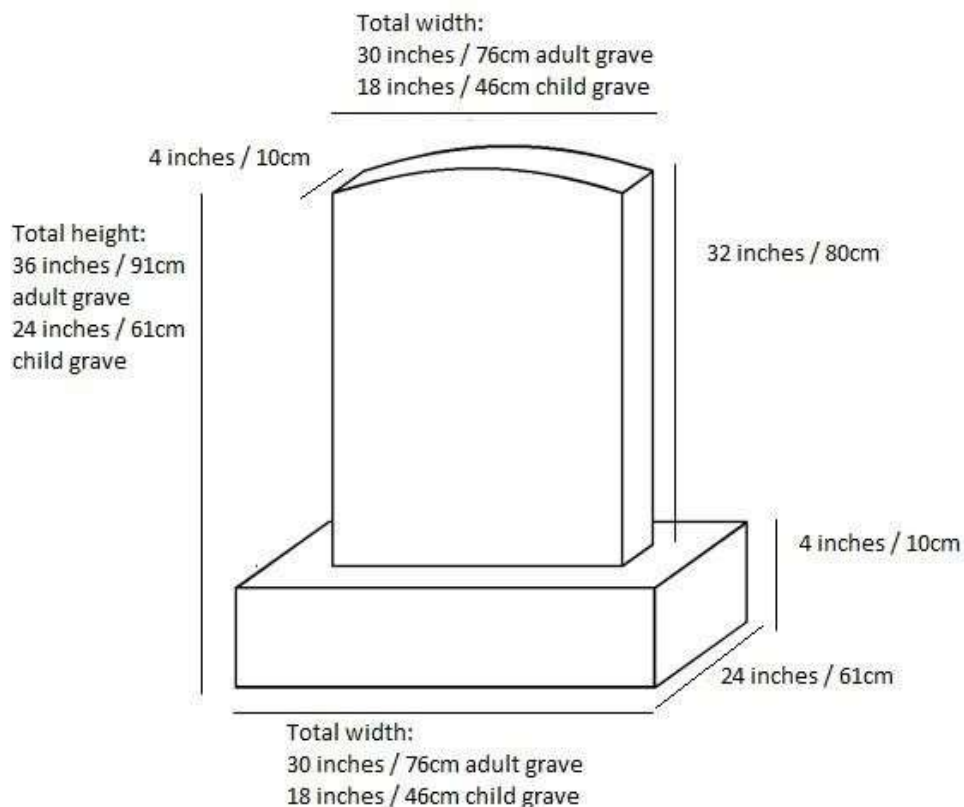
An application for permission to erect a memorial shall be made initially to the Clerk. It should contain the dimensions and illustration of the memorial and be accompanied by the correct fee (see below).

Memorials must not exceed (see diagram below)

▪ **Adult grave:** 91.5cms / 36 inches high (including plinth) x 76cms / 30 inches wide

▪ **Baby/small child's grave:** 61cms / 24 inches high x 46cms / 18 inches wide.

Measurements given are maximum sizes



- The memorial shall be of a wording, type and design appropriate for a rural cemetery (i.e. not a representation of an animal or inanimate object, such as a toy). Any motif or design should be within the confines of the headstone, not in relief or as a sculpted feature.
- Designs must be submitted to and approved by a majority of the members of the Parish Council.
- All plants, small rose bushes, flower vases, headstones or any other memorial must be maintained or kept in a state of tidiness or good repair by the person planting, erecting or placing the same. The Council shall remove or deal with any items in a poor state of repair as necessary.
- 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 Cemetery Charges April 2022**

Burial rights are for a period of 100 years, dated from the date of the last interment (in a double plot). (Note: fees do not include digging graves, interring ashes, or erecting memorials – an undertaker will be required to arrange this work)

	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Non-residents (who meet the criteria)</b>
<b><u>Each Burial:</u></b>		
Of a baby's body younger than 1 month	£100.00	£180.00
Of a child's body older than 1 month up to 12 years	£150.00	£300.00
Of a person's body in a single grave	£300.00	£900.00
Of a person's body in a double grave	£250.00	£600.00
Of a subsequent person's body in a double grave	£200.00	£600.00
Of a person's cremated remains in a new ashes plot	£150.00	£450.00
Of a person's cremated remains in an existing grave	£100.00	£300.00

	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Non-residents (who meet the criteria)</b>
<b><u>Right to Erect and Inscribe a Memorial on a grave</u></b>		
On a full sized grave space	£75.00	£225.00
On a grave space for cremated remains	£75.00	£225.00
For a subsequent inscription on an existing memorial	£50.00	£150.00

<b><u>Administration fees:</u></b>	
Search of Burial Register	£20.00
Search of Register of Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial	£20.00
Printed extract of either Register	£50.00

*Fritwell Parish Cemetery is fully compliant with current data protection legislation. Legislation pertaining to burials applies: The Burial Act 1857 and any amendments.*