

## **TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY RULES**

- 1 Any application to place anything or to do any works in the Cemetery shall be made in writing to the Clerk of the Parish Council, describing in full the scope of the proposed works.
2. Nothing shall be erected or placed, nor any works carried out in the Cemetery until such proposals have received the consent of the Parish Council in writing.
3. Arrangements for Burial, or for the Interment of Ashes should be made through a funeral director who shall be responsible for digging and reinstatement of the plot. All excess soil shall be removed from the Cemetery by the funeral director.
4. Headstones and Memorial Tablets must be made of natural stone.
5. The wording of all memorial inscriptions shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Parish Council for approval.
6. No advertisement or trademark shall be inscribed on any gravestone. The mason's name may be inscribed at the side or reverse of the headstone in unpainted and unleaded letters, no larger than 15mm (1/2") in height.
7. The surface of the cemetery shall be kept level as far as possible and free from grave mounds, so that grass may be cut by a mower.
- 8 If a grave has not settled within 18 months of a burial the Parish Council will arrange for a contractor to level it to arrange for mechanical grass cutting.
9. Graves may only be decorated with flowers, in metal containers, or wreaths. These may be laid directly on graves and will be removed by cemetery maintenance staff once they have withered. Any other items will be removed. Glass or ceramic containers are not permitted and will be removed due to Health & Safety concerns with broken glass in the area.
10. Raised curbs, railings and plain or coloured stone chippings will not be permitted.

11. No memorials shall be erected within twelve months of burial, except a wooden one to identify the plot.
12. Owners are recommended to take out their own insurance to replace headstones in the event of Valdalism.

## **INTERMENT OF ASHES**

1. Cremated remains may be buried either in the Garden of Remembrance in a plot measuring 460mm (18") x 460mm (18") or on a grave plot in the cemetery.
2. Ashes must be buried at least 205mm (8") below the surface.
3. A 385mm (15") x 305mm (12") memorial tablet may be set into the ground to allow flat mowing of the area.
4. Ashes plots may only be decorated with flowers or wreaths. These may be laid directly on plots and will be removed by cemetery maintenance staff once they have withered. Any other items will be removed. Glass or ceramic containers are not permitted and will be removed due to Health & Safety concerns with broken glass in the area

*The Parish Council does not wish to cause distress or upset. These rules are in place to keep the cemetery safe, free from debris and suitable for ground maintenance.*

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