



NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Cemetery Regulations

General

- 1.1 Introduction** - These regulations have been produced to provide clear guidance and reference points for those wishing to make use of the North Frodingham Cemetery.
- 1.2 North Frodingham Cemetery** - Situated at the western end of South Townside Road, the Cemetery has been in continuous use since 1883. A small Mortuary Chapel was erected by Public Subscription at a cost of £450. Originally there were 650 plots; in 1970 an extension at the southern end was opened providing space for a further 400 plots. The Cemetery is owned and managed by the Parish Council.

Interment in the Cemetery is reserved for residents of North Frodingham and those who can prove they previously lived in the village and their close families. The above fees are doubled if the deceased person was no longer a resident of North Frodingham. An exception is made if the deceased moved from North Frodingham to a Residential/Nursing home.

- 1.3 Cemetery Facilities** – include burials in lawned areas, designated area for scattering of ashes, designated area for interment of ashes, seating, plot reservation, use of Chapel for memorial services

Burials and Interments

- 2.1 Application for a Burial** - Application for a burial, or for a burial plot reservation, should be made to the Parish Clerk.
- 2.2 Purchase of a Burial Plot**
- 2.2.1 Purchase of a grave entitles the applicant to an exclusive Right of Burial in the designated plot. The 'Exclusive Right of Burial' is a grave for one, or more burials upon which a memorial can be placed.
- 2.2.2 The Exclusive Right may be terminated in the event that it remains unused for over five years and has not been renewed.
- 2.2.3 Applicants will be allocated plots in order of rotation subject to availability, for which a charge will be made.
- 2.3 Burial Procedures:**
- 2.3.1 Burials can take place only after the Registrar's Certificate of Death, or a Coroner's Order for Burial has been received by the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Burial Authority.
- 2.3.2 All graves should be dug, and reinstated after burial, in compliance with the standard set out in the Local Authority Cemeteries Order 1977.
- 2.3.3 Appointments for burials are by arrangement with the Parish Clerk.
- 2.4 Scattering or Interment of Ashes** - The scattering of cremated remains within the cemetery can take place at times and in areas designated by the Burial Authority (North Frodingham Parish Council). The interment of ashes shall not take place without the involvement of a Funeral Director.

- 2.5 Written Records** - It is the duty of the Burial Authority to complete and retain indefinitely all records of burials and interments, this information is held on in Burial Registers and may be inspected by arrangement with the Parish Clerk.

Memorials and Burial Plots

3.1 Style and Size Restrictions:

- 3.1.1 The specifications and proposed inscription of each memorial must be agreed between the grave owner and the Burial Authority.
- 3.1.2 Memorials standing higher than 4 feet (120cm), ledgers, edgings, kerbs and trenches around headstones are not permitted.
- 3.1.3 Memorials should be constructed of solid stone or other natural material with an anticipated lifespan of at least 40 years.
- 3.1.4 Memorial plaques should be 18 inches square, and be level with the surrounding grass. Flower containers are not permitted on memorial plaques.

3.2 Fixing Guidelines:

- 3.2.1 All memorials must be erected in accordance with the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEMORIAL MASONS (NAMM) GROUND SUPPORT FIXING SYSTEM or a NAMM TESTED alternative system.
- 3.2.2 Existing memorials removed for further inscriptions must be reinstated in accordance with Rule 3.2.1 above.
- 3.2.3 All memorials should be positioned at the point farthest from the central path and with the inscription facing towards the path.
- 3.2.4 The Burial Authority may remove any memorial or other structure which is unauthorised, unsafe, or erase any unauthorised inscription. The cost of removal may be recovered from the plot owner.

3.3 Maintenance of Burial Plots:

- 3.3.1 The Burial Authority reserves the right to prune, cut down or remove any planting which has become overgrown or unsightly.
- 3.3.2 Planting around memorials within the lawned sections is not permitted.
- 3.3.3 The Burial Authority reserves the right to remove dead flowers and Christmas wreaths.

3.4 Memorials – Safety Implications:

- 3.4.1 Grave purchasers are ultimately responsible for the health and safety implications relating to their memorial. They should make adequate provision, via their monumental mason, to have annual inspections and remedial work carried out as recommended.

3.5 Memorials – Vandalism Responsibility:

- 3.5.1 Grave purchasers are responsible for any damage that may occur to their memorial. Any damage should be made safe by using a recognised Monumental Mason and by agreement with the Burial Authority. Insurance can be sought to cover this type of damage.

3.6 Memorial Works – Authorisation and Compliance Requirements

- 3.6.1 No person, contractor, or organisation shall undertake any works involving the installation, removal, renovation, or cleaning of a memorial unless prior written authorisation has been granted by the Parish Council.
- 3.6.2 Any party undertaking such works must hold and maintain adequate public liability insurance, evidence of which shall be provided upon request before authorisation is granted.
- 3.6.3 All cleaning or restoration works must be carried out using proper, non-abrasive, and gentle methods appropriate to the preservation of memorials.

3.7 Temporary Memorials

- 3.7.1 A temporary wooden cross may be used to mark a grave for a period not exceeding 18 months from the date of interment, or until a permanent memorial is installed, whichever is sooner.
- 3.7.2 The cross shall not exceed a maximum height of 120 cm (4 feet) and must be constructed from good-quality, durable wood.
- 3.7.3 The cross must be securely fixed in the ground to ensure stability and to prevent risk to visitors or cemetery staff.
- 3.7.4 The specifications and proposed inscription of each temporary memorial must be agreed between the grave owner and the Burial Authority.
- 3.7.5 All memorials should be positioned at the point farthest from the central path and with the inscription facing towards the path.
- 3.7.6 The Burial Authority may remove any temporary memorial or other structure which is unauthorised, unsafe, or erase any unauthorised inscription. The cost of removal may be recovered from the plot owner.
- 3.7.7 Upon installation of an approved permanent memorial, the temporary memorial must be removed by the family or their memorial mason. If it is not removed within a reasonable period, the Burial Authority may remove it.

Burial and Memorial Rights

- 4.1 In the absence of Exclusive Rights being previously granted for a grave, the Burial Authority will give priority of rights in the following order:
 - The person named on the Interment Form as the Next of Kin, (Interment Forms are usually completed by the Funeral Director at the time of burial)
 - Husband, Wife or Civil Partner of the deceased, or common law spouse/partner of more than 2 years. Evidence to be provided.
 - Next priority will be given according to the rules of Intestacy, following the line of Children, Grandchildren, Parents and Siblings. Further information on rules of Intestacy can be seen at <https://www.gov.uk/inherits-someone-dies-without-will>

Conduct within the Cemetery

- 5.1 It is not permitted to:
 - Wilfully create any disturbance.
 - Commit any nuisance.
 - Interfere with any memorial, or any flowers or plants.
 - Play any game or sport, or ride a bike, roller blade or skateboard within the cemetery.
- 5.2 Children under twelve years of age should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 5.3 Dogs are permitted in the cemetery provided they are kept on a lead. Any person allowing a dog to foul in a cemetery is committing a criminal offence.
- 5.4 Visitors are requested to keep to the paths. No rights of way are created through the use of paths by visitors.

Fees and Payments:

Fees and charges are available on the Parish Council website and from the Parish Council Clerk.

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