



Cemetery Regulations

These Regulations apply to the cemeteries owned and managed by Skidby Parish Council and situated at Riplingham Road and Little Weighton Road both in the Parish of Skidby.

Fees

- 1 The Council shall from time to time set fees for interments (including the interment or scattering of ashes); exclusive rights of burial; the erection of headstones; vases and memorials and the inscriptions to be placed on headstones vases and memorials.

Interments

2. Interments shall only be in a grave space indicated by the Council or its representative and on payment of the appropriate fees, set by the Council, and in force at the time of interment.
- 3 A Deed of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial shall be available on payment of relevant fee.
4. A Deed gives a right to burial in the designated grave for a period of 100 years, but does not involve the purchase of land and no ownership of land is transferred to the purchaser
5. The Deed grants the purchaser the right to:
 - be buried in a designated grave, if space is available.
 - allow further burials in the grave, where space is available.
 - apply for permission to place an inscribed memorial on the grave or an additional inscription to be added.
6. By law, a purchased grave may only be opened for the burial of the Deed holder or for the burial of another person with the written permission of the Deed holder.
7. The Deed should be kept safe as it forms part of the purchaser's estate and it is recommended that it is formally transferred to another family member on the death of the deed holder in case arrange a further burial in the grave or additional inscription is required in the future. There is a formal legal process to transfer a Deed and further advice on the procedure can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.

Monuments, Headstones, Gravestones etc

8. No headstone, vase or other article shall be placed on a grave without the prior written consent of the Clerk to the Council and the payment of the appropriate fee.
9. The only items which may be placed on graves are standard headstones (not exceeding 4 foot 6 inches in height, 2 foot 6 inches in width and 9 inches depth at the base) or vases in the form of a monument. These shall only be placed at the head of the grave. No inscription shall be placed on a headstone, monument or vase without the prior written consent of the Clerk of the Council and the payment of the appropriate fee.

10. All stonemasons carrying out memorial work in the Councils' cemeteries must adhere to the code of working practice issued by the National Association of Memorial Masons. The Council reserves the right to refuse permission for the installation of any memorial where the fixing method does not comply with current guidelines.
11. The person to whom permission is granted for the erection of a headstone or monument shall be responsible for keeping the headstone or monument in good order and repair.
12. The Council, may by sending a notice to the last known address of the person to whom permission to erect the headstone was granted, require any headstone or monument which is damaged or in a state of disrepair to be attended to. Any headstone or monument not attended to three months after the service of such notice may be removed by the Council or laid down without further notice..
13. Vases and flower holders may be placed on purchased graves without specific approval subject to the following conditions:
 - The holder must be placed at the head of the grave so as not to impede grass cutting.
 - The holder must not be made of glass or pottery.
 - The holder is placed on the grave at the owners' risk and the Council will not be liable in the event of its loss or damage however caused. .
14. Any unauthorised vases, memorials, containers or items of a like kind placed on a grave shall be removed by the Council without notice. The Council may, at its discretion, recover from the person who ordered the placing of the headstone, vase or memorial, the cost incurred in the removal thereof.
15. The Council, at its discretion, will remove Christmas wreaths at the end of the following January and may also remove any dead flowers or plants or faded or damaged artificial decorations which have become unsightly.

Maintenance of Graves

16. Graves shall be levelled and turfed by the Council and maintained as such.
17. The planting of shrubs or flowers on a grave at Little Weighton Road Cemetery is not permitted. Any such planting shall be removed by the Council.

General

18. Dogs, other than guide dogs, are not permitted in the cemeteries.
19. It is an offence for any person to
 - create a disturbance or commit any nuisance in the cemeteries
 - interfere with a burial taking place
 - interfere with any grave, any headstone or other memorial, or any flowers or plants in the cemeteries.
 - play any game of sport in the cemeteries.
20. The cemeteries are open to the public between dawn and dusk each day. It is an offence for any unauthorised person to enter or remain in the cemeteries when they are not open to the public (between dusk and dawn).