

Cannington Parish Council



CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- 1 Notice of interment of a body or cremated remains must be given to the Clerk of the Council two full days before the interment is to take place, excluding Sunday.
- 2 The selection of the place of interment or the purchase of a plot is, in all cases, subject to the approval of the Parish Council, but the wishes of applicants will be met as far as possible. Burials are not allowed within 1 metre [3ft] of walls and fences.
- 3 All fees are to be paid to the Clerk of the Council on giving notice of interment, or when applying for permission to introduce a headstone, flatstone, memorial, monument or inscription.
- 4 The hours for interment, excluding Sundays, are 9.00am to 6.00pm daily from 1 April to 23 October, and 9.00am to 4.00pm daily from 24 October to 31 March.
- 5 Construction of Graves and Vaults
 - f] All graves and vaults are to be dug and excavated by persons approved by the Parish Council.
 - g] No grave or vault when first dug or constructed shall be less than 1.83m [6ft] or more than 3.0m [10ft] in depth without the permission of the Parish Council.
 - h] The walls of vaults will be a minimum of 225mm [9"] thick, and every wall between two vaults to be a party wall.
 - i] Any damage done to any boundary wall, fence, path or ground, or existing headstone, flatstone, Monument or Memorial in digging graves or making vaults is to be repaired at the expense the person causing the damage.
- 6 No interment shall take place in any vault not filled up with earth unless the body is enclosed in an airtight metallic coffin.
- 7 Cremated remains may be interred in a wooden urn, biodegradable container or poured into the ground and be covered by at least 12 inches of soil Each plot in the area reserved for the interment of cremated remains will be 600mm [2ft] square. Each plot must be covered by a foundation stone, 600mm [2ft] square, fitted flush with the ground. It is the responsibility of the person causing the ashes to be interred to ensure that this is done within three months of the interment
- 8 No shrub or tree shall be planted within the Cemetery without the permission of the Parish Council, who reserve the right to remove the same at any time, if they are not kept neat and tidy, subject to seven days notice of this intention being given by the Parish Council
- 9 The Introduction of Headstones, Flatstones, Monuments, Memorials and Inscriptions. These are subject to the approval of the Parish Council and the following conditions apply:
 - j] An application to introduce any of the above must include the name(s) of the deceased person(s), age(s) at the time of death, date of death and all proposed wording and designs.
 - k] A drawing showing the shape, dimensions and materials to be used in connection with an application to erect a headstone, flatstone, monument, or memorial, must accompany the application.
 - l] Any headstone, monument, memorial must be fixed to a concrete plinth which extends

75mm [3"] beyond all four sides and is at least 75mm [3"] thick and is fitted flush with the ground. Flatstones and tablets must be fitted flush with the ground. The introduction of kerbstones and a footstone is not permitted.

- m] Where a headstone is to mark the place of interment of cremated remains it must not be taller than 450mm [18"] and fixed to a concrete plinth which extends 75mm [3"] around all four sides and is 75mm [3"] thick and is fitted flush with the ground.
 - n] The Council requires a minimum of 10 days notice to approve an application and will decide the positioning of the Headstone, Flatstone, Monument or Memorial for the good management of the Cemetery
 - o] All materials, gravestones and monuments must be conveyed into the Cemetery by hand, or on a cart or truck with at least 100mm [4"] tyres.
 - g] After an interment all surplus earth must be removed from the Cemetery and the grave left tidy,
 - h] A new headstone, monument or memorial may not be introduced until 6 months after the interment to allow for settlement
 - i] The mounding of earth on a grave will be removed by the Council 6 months after the interment, the ground levelled and the surface left as turf. The cost of this is included in the interment fee
 - j] The Council reserve the right to take down and remove any monument, tablet, gravestone or other erection which has fallen into decay, is dangerous, has become unsightly or which has been erected contrary to the terms and conditions upon which permission to erect the same was granted, or in the case where construction, payment or otherwise shall not have been complied with.
 - k] The Council will not be responsible for any damage to monuments, gravestones and other structures other than damage occasioned by the negligence of its officers, agents, servants or workmen.
 - l] All monuments, gravestones, or other structures and places of burial must be kept in repair by the owner. The Council may require the owner of any monument, gravestone or other structure, which in their opinion has become unsafe, to remove it. If the owner fails to comply with any such requirement within 14 days or if in the opinion of the Council the removal should be effected immediately then the Council may carry out the work without incurring any liability for any damage arising and the costs thereof shall be recoverable from the owner as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.
 - m] The Council reserves the right to remove any headstone, flatstone, monument or memorial from any grave, when
 - i] such removal is deemed by the Council to be necessary to eliminate danger and the present owner of the grave cannot be traced,
 - ii] once a grave seems untended and after publication of its intention in the local press, remove any of the above for the better management of the cemetery
- 10 The Council undertakes not to use an existing grave for new burials until 100 years after the last burial in a used grave
- 11 The fees listed in the Table of Fees apply where the person to be interred or in respect of whom the right to be buried has been granted:
- a] was immediately before death or prior to going into hospital, hospice, residential home, or other form of care where the death occurred, a resident of the Parish of Cannington,
 - b] in the case of a stillborn child one of the parents is such a resident,
 - c] has the exclusive right to a burial plot.

In all other cases double the fee shown in the Table of Fees will be charged

- 12 All notices of Interment, payment of fees and applications to erect gravestones, etc. must be sent to the:

Clerk to Cannington Parish Council:

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CANNINGTON CEMETERY

TABLE OF FEES

As from January 2012 the following fees will apply:-

Interments

Each interment in grave including levelling after 6 months £250

Each Interment of cremated remains in an existing grave,
or in the area reserved for the interment of such remains £116

Reservation of a Plot £110

Erection of Monuments, etc.

Flatstone, Headstone, Statuary, Obelisk £158

Vase £81

Tablet £81

Adding an additional inscription to an existing memorial £36

The above-mentioned fees do not include fees payable to Ministers officiating at any interment or other function and the Parish Council does not accept responsibility for the payment of any fees incurred

Extract from Cannington Cemetery Regulations

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- b] *in the case of a stillborn child one of the parents is such a resident,*
- c] *as the exclusive right to a burial plot.*

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Patricia Villis
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January 2012

