

Honeybourne Parish Council

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

General Regulations

1. The right of interment in the Cemetery is exclusive to residents of the Civil Parish of Honeybourne, or to anyone having some claim upon the Parish, upon payment of the appropriate fee as set out in the current Table of Fees.
2. At least 3 working days' notice of every intended interment must be given to the Clerk to the Parish Council at a reasonable time of day.
3. All grave spaces and spaces in the Garden of Remembrance will be allocated by the Clerk to the Parish Council.
4. All graves and interment spaces in the Garden of Remembrance will be dug and filled to the reasonable satisfaction of the Parish Council – this will be the responsibility of the grave digger
5. Any matter, item or action that in the council's opinion causes a health or safety risk, for example containers or objects made of glass or breakable materials, will be dealt with in any way the council considers necessary to mitigate the matter.
6. All graves, memorials and plaques within the Cemetery or Garden of Remembrance shall be kept in a clean and tidy condition at all times to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

Regulations for Graves

7. Not more than one interment shall take place in any one grave space, other than the interment of cremated remains in an existing grave.
8. No type of edging is permitted around graves.
9. No stone paving of the graves is permitted. The area of the graves must remain grassed.
10. No trees or shrubs may be planted in any grave.
11. Any planting on a grave must be within the dimensions of the grave area and must not exceed 18" (45cm) in height. No planting is permitted in any other area, including behind the headstone
12. All planted or maintained grave surface levels must be maintained at the surrounding ground levels to avoid trip hazards.
13. In the case of turfed graves, floral tributes or stone flower containers must be placed on the plinth of the headstone.
14. Any grave left untended for more than one year will be turfed at the expense of the Parish Council; any memorial/headstone, or turfed grave which sinks below the surrounding turf level will be corrected at the Parish Council's expense when the annual general maintenance work is carried out. The Parish Council will inform relatives in advance of this work being carried out, by Notices displayed in the Cemetery and on Notice Boards in the Parish.
15. Disposal of floral arrangements holly wreathes and plants. It is the responsibility of the grave lease owner or their executors to clear all floral arrangements and plants from their gravesite following the deterioration of the flowers. If this is not carried out to the satisfaction of the council, the floral arrangements or plants will be removed by the council, and charges may be applied for their removal and disposal. Christmas holly wreathes and arrangements are to be removed by 1st February each year.
16. All surplus grave soil must be removed from the Cemetery and disposed of off-site at the cost of the grave digger. Surplus grave soil cannot permanently remain in the Cemetery for any reason.

Memorials

17. The consent of the Parish Council shall be obtained before any memorial is erected or any inscription placed on a proposed or existing memorial. Such consent will only be

given if the proposed memorial complies with the requirements of these regulations and upon payment of the appropriate fee as set out in the current Table of Fees.

18. No permanent memorial shall be placed before the expiry of six months from the date of interment.
19. If no headstone is placed, only a simple cross, name plate, stone flower container or the grave number is permitted at the head of a grave. All other items will be removed.
20. No memorial shall exceed 36" (90cm) in height or 34"(85cm) in width nor the plinth exceed 12" (30cm) in depth. Any base on which a memorial stands must be no higher than the level of the surrounding turf.
21. No memorial shall protrude in any manner on to a neighbouring grave, except that, with the Parish Council's express consent, a memorial may be placed between two graves which have been purchased before 14 May 2003, subject to the graves being turfed for ease of maintenance by the Council's contractors. The space between two graves will remain in the ownership of the Parish Council.
22. The Parish Council can accept no responsibility for damage to memorials unless such damage is caused by its members, employees or contractors.

Garden of Remembrance

23. The consent of the Parish Council shall be obtained before any memorial plaque is placed in the Garden of Remembrance or any inscription placed on a proposed or existing memorial. Such consent will only be given if the proposed memorial complies with the requirements of these regulations and upon payment of the appropriate fee as set out in the current Table of Fees.
24. Memorial plaques must be placed at turf level.
25. A memorial plaque must not exceed 20" (50cm) in length or 12" (30cm) in width.
26. No type of border is permitted around any plaque.
27. Any flowers/floral arrangements or stone flower containers must be placed on, or incorporated in, the plaque.
28. The Parish Council can accept no responsibility for damage to memorial plaques unless such damage is caused by its members, employees or contractors.
29. Any memorial plaque which sinks below the surrounding turf level will be corrected at the Parish Council's expense when the annual general maintenance work is carried out. The Parish Council will inform relatives in advance of this work being carried out, by Notices displayed in the Cemetery and on Notice Boards in the Parish.

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