

Ruskington Parish Council - Sleaford Road Cemetery

Burial Authority - Rules and Regulations

- No alcohol is to be taken into the Cemetery.
- Disabled accessibility arrangements have been approved by North Kesteven District Council. Access to the rear of the Cemetery (east end) should be via the left -hand footpath (north footpath).
- Annual safety and other inspections of the cemetery grounds, headstones and monuments are undertaken. However, users of the Cemetery should be aware of the potential for an unsafe item, operation, condition or matter.
- **Please report anything considered to be unsafe, as soon as possible, to the Clerk or to any Member of the Parish Council.**
- Users of the Cemetery should be aware that when routine Ground Maintenance work is being undertaken then caution should be exercised at all times.
- Children should be correctly and adequately supervised at all times.
- No interments, or scattering of human remains, shall take place without the prior approval of the Parish Council.
- No headstone or other monument shall be erected without the prior approval of the Parish Council.
- The maximum height of any headstone on a grave shall not exceed 2' 6" (760mm) above ground level. *Please note: From 11 October 2022, these are no longer permitted on ashes plots.*
- A flat or tilted "tablet" headstone only, not exceeding 12" x 18" is allowed on ashes plots. This may incorporate a vase or vases.
- The responsibility for the maintenance and safety of a headstone remains with the family of the deceased.
- Burial rates and charges can be obtained from the Office of the Parish Council. These are subject to regular review.
- **Floral bouquet tributes ONLY are permitted. No vases are permitted between plots.**
- Other temporary tributes may be allowed at graves for a limited period of 6 months. Prior approval of the Parish Council is required. No glass items are allowed at any time.
- The Council has the right to remove any non-regulation items.
- Floral bouquet tributes which have been deemed to have deteriorated may be collected and disposed of by Parish Council Operatives. Christmas wreaths will be removed from 31 January of each year.
- All waste material shall be disposed of in the bins provided.
- No fencing (including small ornamental fencing around graves) or placing of gravel, stones or slate is allowed on or around the grave/plot.
- No dogs (other than guide dogs) are allowed in the Cemetery.
- Applications to place commemorative seats/benches in the Cemetery must be made to the Clerk or to any Member of the Parish Council.
- Please ensure that the cemetery lych gate is kept closed when not in use

The Parish Council has a 'Duty of Care' to ensure that the Cemetery is maintained in a clean, tidy, and safe condition for all users. These Rules and Regulations help this to be achieved.

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