

Ruskington Parish Council has a general duty under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 (LACO) to maintain the cemetery in good order to ensure it is a safe space for all users.

These Rules and Regulations help this be achieved.

- 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 or fragile items, solar lights, windmills, or the planting of plants, bushes or trees are allowed at any time.
- The Council has the right to remove any non-regulation items at any time.
- Floral bouquet tributes and silk flowers which are 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.
- Interments, and the scattering of human cremated remains, can only take place with the prior approval of the Parish Council, as the Local Burial Authority.
- Headstones or other monuments can only be erected by memorial stone masons with 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 18" 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.
- Inspections of the cemetery take place at least once per year. Safety inspections of headstones and monuments are undertaken every five years. 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.
- No alcohol is to be taken into the Cemetery.
- 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.
- 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 lychgate is kept closed when not in use.
- Burial rates and charges can be obtained from Ruskington Parish Office, 7-9 High Street North, Ruskington, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 9DY. These are subject to regular review.

For further information, please contact the Clerk to Ruskington Parish Council by e-mail: clerk@ruskington-pc.gov.uk, or by phone, 01526 834483, or visit

<https://ruskington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/15/burial-and-cemetery-matters>