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## **BURIAL GROUNDS — RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All applications for interment must be made to the Clerk of the Burial Authority from whom the prescribed application form and particulars of fees and charges are obtained. All fees must be paid in advance. The form of application, completed giving the required information, together with the Certificate of the Registrar of the death, Coroner's Order or Crematorium Certificate must be in the hands of the said Clerk before any interment may take place. Four days notice must be given for interment, exclusive of Sundays.
2. The allocation of grave spaces shall take place in rotation or otherwise as decided by the Burial Authority.
3. The first interment in each grave shall be at least 2 metres deep and no coffin shall be nearer the surface than 1 metre.
4. No walled graves are allowed.
5. No grave in respect of which the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased shall be opened without the consent of the owner his/her legal representative and upon production of the Deed of Grant, unless an indemnity is signed by the nearest surviving relative or executor.
6. No second interment of choice can be guaranteed to take place in, and no headstone or vase may be erected or placed upon, any grave in respect of which the Exclusive Right of Burial has not been purchased.
7. Cremated remains may be placed in family graves or in the special section of the Burial Ground set aside for that purpose, and must be at least 0.25 metres beneath the surface. No scattering of ashes will be allowed on any part of the surface of the burial ground.
8. The removal and replacement of any headstone of any kind whatsoever for an interment in a grave already occupied or otherwise, must be at the cost to the person or persons making the application for the interment. No stone, monument or any kind of memorial can be removed from the Burial Ground without the consent of the Parish Clerk.
9. A sketch of every memorial intended to be erected, with all dimensions marked thereon, and a copy of the inscription intended, must be submitted by the undertaker and/or stonemason who must be responsible to follow the instructions given by the Parish Clerk. No memorial will be allowed to be erected, or inscription inserted without such approval. All fees for the erection of such must be paid in advance. All lettering must face the foot of the grave. Fixings of memorials shall be under the supervision and control of the Burial Authority or the Parish Clerk. Photographs or other types of picture of the deceased will not be allowed on memorials.
10. All graves and memorials must be kept in proper repair by the persons interested in their preservation. If any memorial is not kept as such, the Burial Authority may remove or alter it in any way they deem necessary or desirable for the due order of the Burial Grounds.
11. No kerbs or permanent mounds will be allowed in the Burial Grounds.
12. Only one movable vase (not to be of glass) may be placed at the head of the grave and its dimensions shall not exceed 0.25 metres in any measurement. OR Headstones, including one or two movable vases (not to be of glass) placed at the base of same, not exceeding dimensions below may be erected in accordance with 9 above.  
Dimensions (Burial): Not exceeding 1.10 metres high, 0.80 metres wide, 0.38 metres deep  
Dimensions (Cremated Remains): Not exceeding 0.76 metres high, 0.61 metres wide, 0.38 metres deep.
13. All materials are placed in the Burial Grounds at owner's risk.
14. All earth surplus to requirements remaining after interments or erection of memorials must be removed from the Burial Grounds by the undertaker.
15. Permission will not be granted to plant shrubs on graves, or to interfere in any way with any grave or monument.

16. All applications for planting memorial trees will be subject to a specific resolution of the Parish Council.
17. All dead flowers and wreaths must be placed in the receptacles provided for that purpose.
18. Persons illegally removing flowers, damaging monuments or any other property, or behaving unseemly in the Burial Grounds, may be liable to prosecution.
19. Dogs, except guide dogs, are not allowed within the Burial Grounds.
20. The Burial Authority reserves the right from time to time to make alterations to the forgoing Rules and Regulations.
21. Grave spaces can only be purchased at the time of an interment, under the direction of the Clerk in consultation with the Burial Authority.

THE BURIAL AUTHORITY IS THE PARISH COUNCIL AND ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL. COPIES OF THE RULES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLERK ON REQUEST.

Lucy Tyrrell, Clerk to the Council