

# East Rudham Cemetery

## Rules & Regulations

Regulations in respect of interments and erections of memorials in East Rudham Cemetery.

These regulations are in addition to the provisions of the Local Authorities Cemeteries order 1977 currently in force. The Parish Council reserves the right to amend these regulations and to deal with any circumstances or contingency not provided for in the regulations as necessary.

### **Private work**

No private work shall be undertaken by visitors to the Cemetery other than general plot or grave tidying.

### **Exclusion or removal of persons to the Cemetery**

The Parish Council may at any time remove and exclude any person from the Cemetery, who shall be in breach of the regulations being in force at that time.

### **Fees and charges for Interments**

The fees and charges payable to East Rudham Parish Council in respect of interments, grave or plot space or otherwise in connection with the Cemetery, shall be detailed in the Table of Fees and Charges, which are subject to regular review.

### **Glass in the Cemetery**

No Items of glass of any description shall be allowed to be left on or near a grave.

### **Selecting Grave Plots**

Pre-purchase of specific graves or plots is not permitted except for plots immediately adjacent to existing graves. All plots will be allocated in sequence unless exceptional circumstances apply when the decision will be taken by the Burial Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Graves and Cremation Plots**

All graves and cremation plots will be sold subject to the regulations currently relating to the Cemetery.

### **Exclusive Right of Burial**

The Exclusive Right of Burial in any grave shall be entered in the Register of Grants of Right kept by the Parish Council.

### **Admission of Dogs**

The admission of dogs, unless on a lead is prohibited. Dogs must not be allowed to foul within the Cemetery.

### **State of repair**

Every grave and memorial must be kept in good repair by the owner. On default by the said owner and notice in writing has been sent to the registered owner at their registered address, the Parish Council reserve the right to take over the maintenance of a grave or plot and have it and any memorial on it put in safe and good order at the expense of the grave owner. If payment for work is not forthcoming, the debt will be attached to the grave or plot and no further burials will be allowed until the debt is cleared. Memorial maintenance work shall only be carried by suitably qualified masons and to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

### **Grave Mounds**

All grave mounds should be removed after the expiry of six months from the date of interment.

### **Grave Enclosures**

The purchaser of any grave or cremation plot shall, when erecting any memorial, place such memorial in the position determined by the Parish Council. No form of Grave enclosure is allowed, and this includes railings, chains, wooden edging of any description and glass wreath cases.

### **Trees, Shrubs, Plants and flowers**

Dwarf trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers may not be planted upon graves or cremation plots. The Parish Council reserves the right to remove any of the former which have been previously planted which in its opinion have become unsightly, overgrown, or dangerous. Persons tending graves or plots are required to dispose of any rubbish generated.

The Parish Council reserves the right to remove trees, plants and shrubs in any other part of the Cemetery.

### **Personal effects**

The Parish Council reserves the right to dispose of any adornments so placed on a grave that might cause upset or offence to visitors. Such Items will be collected and placed near the shed for a period of one month, if not collected will be disposed of.

### **Removal of memorials**

The Parish Council reserves the right to re fix, realign or remove any memorial as may be required. Any work shall be carried out by an approved stonemason and the cost charged to the grave owner.

Holly wreaths and Christmas Memorials

All Christmas Wreaths and memorials should be removed six weeks after Christmas.

### **Clauses**

In cases where any question or controversy arises from the foregoing clauses, or anything omitted there from, the decision of the Burial Authority (East Rudham Parish Council) shall be final and binding. The Parish Council reserves the right from time to time to make alterations or additions to these rules and regulations consistent with the Burials Acts.

Approved by East Rudham Parish Council.

## **Annex**

Regulations for the erection of memorials and for work to be carried out on an existing memorial in East Rudham Cemetery.

1. Memorials may only be erected and work carried out on existing memorials with prior confirmed approval from the Parish Council.
2. If no memorial is erected on the grave or cremation plot then one flower vase (non glass) only is permitted above ground level and in the normal position of the headstone. No other items are permitted elsewhere on the grave.
3. All new memorials and memorial maintenance work shall only be undertaken by suitably qualified masons and to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.
4. All memorials erected remain the sole risk of the owner. No memorial must be erected without written consent of the Parish Council. No memorial shall be removed or altered without the written consent of the owner and the Parish Council unless the said memorial has been erected outside the listed regulations.
5. All memorials to be of natural or reconstituted stone, all work finished prior to erection. The maximum measurements above ground level for memorials erected for East Rudham Parish Council are 900mm high and 600mm wide (3 ft by 2 ft).
6. All memorial Cremation Plaques should be set firm and with the top surface at or just below ground level. The maximum size for a Cremation Plaque shall be 450mm by 450mm (18" x 18"). The top surface must be flat with no protrusions (e.g. Scrolls etc.).
7. Second bases shall be securely fastened to the bottom by dowels or other approved methods and is within the permitted measurement if above ground level.
8. All memorials to be laid firm, level and square. The Parish Council reserves the right to reject applications for memorials with stones of uneven thickness.
9. The top surface of every foundation stone shall be at least 50mm (2") below the level of the lowest point of any surrounding turf.
10. No rails, wooden edging, chains of any description will be allowed as part of any memorial.
11. No flower vases or other items are permitted elsewhere on the grave apart from the Headstone area.
12. All memorials shall be fixed according to BS8415 and the relevant Codes of Practice or Guidance that are fully compliant with this standard.