

# Bildeston Parish Council

## Regulations for the Management of the Grove Cemetery

Bildeston Parish Council owns and manages the Grove Cemetery at Bildeston and has adopted the following Regulations with regards to the site:

1. A Memorial Stone may be erected on the grave in a position approved by the Parish Council subject to the payment of a prescribed fee for placing the Memorial on the grave, and provided that such Memorial shall become the property of the Parish Council at the expiration of the period of grant of the exclusive right of burial for the plot.
2. No other part of the grave shall be raised above ground level and shall be kept turfed flat over as a lawn.
3. No Memorial or flower receptacle or any other article or plant whatsoever, shall be placed on, or in, the turf.
4. **Burial Memorial stones**
  - a. The Memorial shall be of natural stone, granite or marble.
  - b. The Memorial Stone, with or without base, shall not exceed 107cm at its maximum height, 76cm at its maximum width, 10cm at its maximum thickness and 7.6cm minimum thickness.
5. **Cremated remain memorial stones/ tablets**
  - a. In that part of the cemetery used for the burial of cremated remains, a flat tablet 37cm x 37cm or standing headstones up to 50cm in height overall, 40cm maximum wide, 5cm maximum in thickness, may be used.
  - b. Any base above ground level shall be of the same material as the headstone, and shall not exceed 12.7cm in thickness, 30cm front to back and 91cm wide.
  - c. The Memorial shall be of natural stone, granite or marble.
  - d. The ground anchor system must be used to place the memorial plate, base and concrete foundation on virgin soil.
6. Provision may be made on the base for the reception of a flower vase or vases.
7. Whenever an interment has taken place, the grave shall forthwith be filled with earth and after six months for the natural subsidence of the earth, the Parish Council will remove surplus soil, then turf or seed.
8. Artificial flowers and foliage are permitted throughout the year.
9. No animals shall be allowed in the cemetery excepting guide dogs.
10. Any person who shall wilfully destroy or damage any tree, fence, plant, shrub, monument or inscription, play games, discharge firearms or disturb any persons assembled for the purpose of a burial or commit any nuisance, will be liable to prosecution.
11. Any memorial shall remain at the sole risk of the owner thereof, and the Council shall not be responsible for any damage or breakage which may occur to the same.
12. To permit, upon application:
  - a. ashes to be scattered in the cemetery; and
  - b. the reservation of a plot for cremated remains in the part allocated for burials subject to the provision of the appropriate burial monument.
13. No vehicles to drive or park in the cemetery (except for maintenance vehicles).
14. The Parish Council may tidy up the cemetery from time to time.
15. Please do not walk in any uncut area left for wildlife between the months of March and September.
16. Memorial trees may be planted in a prescribed area at the Grove Cemetery – please refer to the separate guidelines produced by the Parish Council.

If you require any further information, please contact either:

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