

# **KILHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS**

**Funeral Directors, Stonemasons and representatives of any deceased person wishing to use the Kilham Burial Ground should read the following regulations very carefully.**

**Please note that authorisation by the Parish Council must be obtained before any work commences.**

**Failure to do so may result in the memorial having to be removed.**

1. Graves 9ft x 4ft (2.74m x 1.23m) and be 4½ft (1.37m) minimum depth
2. Any headstone shall not be more than 4ft (1.23m) in height and the base of any such headstone shall not exceed 18in x 36in (0.46m x 0.91m) such a headstone must be in keeping with those presently standing ie of simple, traditional design.
3. Headstones shall be constructed of materials not less than 2in. (0.05m) in thickness and of natural stone. No artificial stone shall be used.
4. No overly elaborate design will be allowed; colour may be used, photographs are permitted but no larger than 6in x 4in, exact details of which must be submitted to the council for approval.  
Any persons wishing to erect a headstone must first submit the design and wording to the Clerk of Kilham Parish Council. The Parish Council reserves the right to reject any design it considers unsuitable. The Parish Council can refuse an inscription if it believes it to be unsuitable or offensive.
5. Kerbs around graves will not be allowed.
6. Flower containers will be allowed only at the headstone end of the grave. They must be situated immediately in front or at the side of the headstone. No planting will be allowed.
7. Graves must be positioned consecutively, according to the cemetery plan.
8. Graves must be firmly compacted as they are backfilled. Each grave must be left with a 3" mound of compacted soil to allow for settlement of the ground. Existing turf to be re-positioned and all surplus material to be removed from the grave site to the area provided for the purpose.
9. Village residents may scatter relative's cremation ashes within the cemetery. Such ashes must be scattered with due respect for the existing graves.
10. Cremated remains may be buried within existing burial plots, with permission of the relatives and prior permission of the Parish Council. Only two per burial plot.
11. Burials shall subsist for a period of 100 years from the date of the grant, unless extended by the Burial Authority.
12. Cemetery charges are subject to an annual review, it is the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure that they check current charges. Plots may be reserved but the current charges at the time of burial will be applied.
13. The Parish Council does not undertake the digging of plots, responsibility for this rests with the undertaker. Grave diggers must adhere to the Code of Practice for Grave Diggers and safe working procedures.
14. Headstones must not be left, for any period of time, upon the cemetery ground, all headstone must be removed on the day of removal to the stone masons' premises.
15. Any memorial/receptacle placed within the cemetery which the Parish Council considers out of keeping or unsuitable, the family will be asked to remove it within 30days, any memorial/receptacle which is found to be offensive, will be removed immediately.

**The Parish Council does not accept responsibility for any damage to headstones or receptacles.**

**The Parish Council strongly recommends the underpinning of memorials. The purchaser/family member(s) are responsible for any work required should the monument become unstable.**

