

CRAKEHALL WITH LANGTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISED MAY 2018

The following rules and regulations have been approved by the Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council (the Council), the landowners of the cemetery located off Hackforth Road, Crakehall, to ensure that:

- The cemetery is maintained in a tidy and attractive condition in keeping with its purpose as a burial ground. The Council reserves the right to prune, cut down or remove any shrubs or trees within the cemetery to achieve this standard.
- The visiting public and cemetery maintenance personnel are protected from the hazards inherent in burial grounds from unstable headstones and monuments.
- The public understand their liability should injury occur to any party in the preparation, maintenance or tending of graves in the burial ground.
- Interment is administered by Myra Shield of Burtree Cottage, Little Crakehall and is under the charge of the Clerk to the Council whose address is Ash Brae, Langthorne. Plans of the cemetery, rules and regulations, tables of fees etc are kept at the aforementioned addresses. This information together with all burial records is kept by the Administrator and Clerk and will be made available to individuals with an established interest.
- The allocation of all grave spaces and cremated remains plots is subject to the agreement and approval of the Cemetery Administrator and Clerk.

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Fees & charges The fees for the purchase of grave spaces for the exclusive right of burial for a period of 100 years or the continuation thereof, in an earthen grave 2.4m by 1.2m, or for the reservation of such a grave space shall be as determined periodically by the Council.

Eligibility The person to be interred or in respect of whom the right is granted, is or has been a parishioner or has connections with Crakehall with Langthorne Parish. This regulation may only be waived under special circumstances and at the sole discretion of the Council.

Grave spaces Total grave space to be 2400mm by 1200mm (8ft by 4ft centred approximately). The fees for the purchase of grave spaces for the exclusive right of burial for a period of 100 years or the continuation thereof, in an earthen grave 2.4m by 1.2m, or for the reservation of such a grave space shall be as determined periodically by the Council. Whilst selection of the grave site is in all cases subject to the approval of the Council the wishes of the applicant will be met where practical.

Grave digging Only contractors approved by the Council shall be permitted to grave dig in the cemetery. Vehicular access to the cemetery is restricted to a self-propelled mini-digger with rubber tracks. This is to protect grass, verges and paths in the cemetery. The contractor engaged in grave digging is responsible for all employees and must ensure that safety measures, such as appropriate shuttering, are installed when the grave is more than 1350mm (4ft 6ins) deep. Prepared graves must be protected with suitable strong planking prior to burial and in-filling.

The positioning of the grave within the grave space should be such as to allow for any memorial to be erected at the grave head on undisturbed ground.

Contractors should refill with adequate ground compression at all levels to reduce subsequent subsidence. The contractor is responsible for the removal of surplus spoil and debris after burial.

Green graves Green burials are allowed in the cemetery subject to the agreement of the Council and an acceptable location of the grave.

Planted graves It is preferred that graves are left unplanted. However the following rules must apply if planting takes place:
No artificial flowers.
No shrubs.
Low growing plants not exceeding 300mm in height.
The planted area should not exceed 1800mm by 600mm (6ft by 2ft) centred including the headstone.
If the maintenance of planted graves is neglected for a period of one summer the Council reserves the right to reseed with grass.

General grave maintenance The Council reserves the right to remove old wreaths, dead flowers and disused flower vases etc.

Advance notice The Cemetery Administrator should be given as much notice as possible of an interment with a minimum of 48 hours (exclusive of Sunday) and the plot to be used should be confirmed. No application will be received on Sundays except in an emergency.

Headstones, monuments To be installed in straight lines.
The height should be no less than 450mm and not exceed 900mm including the base.
The memorial headstone if used must be erected according to the methods recognised and approved by the National Association of Monumental Masons (NAMM). In particular this necessitates adequate anchoring by means of galvanised or stainless steel dowels as specified by NAMM.
Must be upright without kerbs.
The adoption of plinth style monuments is encouraged as these cannot fall and cause injury.

Dogs Please clean up after your dog and remove faeces to the dog bin located at the junction of Greengate Lane with Hackforth Road.

Liability The primary liability rests with the proprietor (the party who commissions the grave and monument), the contracting undertaker and monumental mason to ensure that the grave and monument do not provide a hazard to the general public or third parties. The Council do not hold themselves responsible or liable in any way for any damage to or injury by any memorials which may be placed or erected in the cemetery.

To reduce hazard the Council shall conduct regular (six-monthly) inspections. Graves and headstones that are considered hazardous will be identified by their enclosure with protective tape. If it is considered justified headstones may be laid down. The Council will make all reasonable efforts to notify the proprietor of the defect to allow satisfactory repair. Such efforts shall include postal communication to the proprietor's last known address and notification through the Council notice boards. When the proprietor cannot be traced in a reasonable time the Council will take such action as is necessary to make the grave and/or memorial safe. This may include laying down or removal to a safe location of the headstone.

For further information contact the Cemetery Administrator on 01677 427970 or Clerk on 01677 424436.