

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF NEWTON LONGVILLE BURIAL GROUND

FORMULATED AND PASSED BY THE ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE
PARISH OF NEWTON LONGVILLE IN THE DISTRICT OF AYLESBURY VALE
IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

(At a meeting of the Council on 9th October 2007)

Throughout these rules and regulations the following definitions apply: - "The Burial Ground" means that provided by the Parish Council and situated off Church End, "The Council" means the elected members of Newton Longville Parish Council, "Grave" means a burial place formed in the ground by excavation and without internal wall or other artificial lining, "Memorial" means any approved headstone or flatstone.

GENERAL REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO ALL SECTIONS OF THE BURIAL GROUND

1. The burial ground will be open daily. All visitors will be expected to keep to the pathways provided and to refrain from interfering with flowers and shrubs not belonging to them. The Parish Council reserves the right to make such closures as may be necessary for repairs, in emergencies or in the interests of public safety at any time.
2. No burial shall take place, no cremated human remains shall be scattered, no memorial shall be placed in the burial ground and no additional inscription shall be made on any memorial without prior permission of the Parish Council.
3. Dogs are not allowed into the burial ground, except on a short lead.
4. Visitors to the burial ground are asked to conduct themselves in such a way as to respect the privacy of other visitors in order that a quiet and peaceful environment may be maintained for the benefit of all.
5. Any person, who wilfully destroys, damages or defaces any building, wall, fence, memorial, and tree or does any damage whatsoever within the confines of the burial ground will be liable to prosecution.
6. All regulations will apply in the case of cremated remains where relevant.
7. The Parish Council reserves the right to make any alteration or addition to or waiver of the rules and regulations and the table of fees, as it considers necessary.
8. A register of the burials will be kept at the office of the Clerk of the Council, where at all reasonable times, searches may be made and a certified extract obtained on the payment of the appropriate fee.

PURCHASE OF BURIAL PLOTS

9. The exclusive right of burial in a grave space is granted by the Parish Council at the first meeting following its purchase, and the purchaser will be given a conveyance of the same.
10. Owners of grave spaces shall not transfer their rights to any person without the prior agreement of the Council.
11. No grave spaces will be reserved.

BURIAL

12. Applications for interments must be to the Clerk of the Council, in writing, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (or at such other times acceptable to the Clerk) and all fees and charges payable must be made at the same time. At least **three** clear working days notice shall be given in every case, exclusive of Sundays.

The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse to allow funerals when there is reason to believe details given on the Notice of Interment are incorrect, if the disposal certificate is not available for inspection to authenticate the identity of the person to be interred prior to the burial, if the deceased is not a member of the parish or if the necessary notice mentioned above has not been given.

13. The depth of the grave will on every occasion be subject to the regulation of the Parish Council, and the number of interments within this grave must be decided before the first interment.
14. A certificate of burial, or in the case when an inquest has been held, the certificate of the Coroner must be produced. In the case of a stillbirth, a certificate from a Doctor or Midwife will be required on the prescribed form.
15. No burials can be made outside the existing approved burial plan without prior consent of the Council; details of which may be inspected during the hours stated in point 12.
16. The Council reserves the right to inspect excavated graves.
17. Interments shall take place between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Burials are not permitted outside the above mentioned hours or on Sundays, Good Friday or Christmas Day, except with the express permission of the Parish Council.

MEMORIALS AND INSCRIPTIONS

18. No memorial of any kind shall be erected upon a grave space unless by prior permission of the Parish Council before an interment takes place or any work commences.
19. All memorials and inscriptions are to be subject to the approval of the Parish Council. A copy of every inscription and a drawing or illustration showing the form and dimensions of every memorial to be erected must be left with the Clerk for approval by the Parish Council.
20. Memorials must be a headstone, which should not exceed 0.84M high, 0.6M wide with a base not exceeding 0.76M in width or a flatstone not exceeding 0.61M by 0.46M. In the case of cremated remains, memorials will be limited to flatstones only, not exceeding 0.46M wide by 0.33M. Kerbs, surrounds or chippings of any kind are **not** permitted.
21. Memorials falling into disrepute are liable to be removed by the Parish Council.
22. No stonemasonry work or any activity that could cause damage can be carried out with the burial ground. All materials for graves etc. will be carried out in a careful manner so as not to cause damage. However should any damage be caused it must be repaired immediately at the expense of the person or persons concerned.
23. In the case of the erection of a memorial subsequent to an interment to a reserved plot, the appropriate fee current at the time will apply.

MAINTENANCE

24. Wreaths, flowers and vases may be placed on a grave but they are the owner's responsibility. Tins, bottles and similar containers are not permitted and will be removed.
25. If graves are not maintained, the Parish Council reserves the right to take whatever action it considers necessary to bring them up to an acceptable standard.
26. Following a burial the surplus soil excavated from any grave is to be removed by the funeral directors or deposited on such part of the burial ground as the Parish Council may determine and permission is acquired.
27. Memorials, plantings and vases are to be within 0.61M square at the head of each grave. Plantings that exceed 0.84M in height and/or 0.61M in width (when fully grown) will not be allowed and the Parish Council reserves the right to trim or cut any shrub or plant that has grown large enough to cause a nuisance.
28. The family of the deceased are responsible for the removal of dead flowers, wreaths etc. from the grave and they must ensure that all non-biodegradable waste is taken away and properly disposed of.

TABLE OF FEES IN RESPECT OF NEWTON LONGVILLE PARISH BURIAL GROUND

NB. We do not include for or make arrangements for the digging of any graves.

The following fees are applicable from 1st November 2007 and will apply until further notice.

Burials will be restricted to Residents of the Parish of Newton Longville

FEES

INTERMENT WITH EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL GRANTED AUTOMATICALLY

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| 1. BURIAL PLOT | £100.00 |
| 2. CREMATION PLOT | £ 80.00 |

FOR THE RIGHT TO ERECT A MEMORIAL IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED

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| 1. BURIAL | £60.00 |
| 2. CREMATION PLOTS | £60.00 |

FOR ADDITIONAL BURIAL IN AN EXISTING GRAVE

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| 1. BURIAL PLOT | £100.00 |
| 2. CREMATION PLOT | £ 80.00 |