

HALE PARISH COUNCIL

Acting as the Burial Authority for the Parish of Hale

Regulations

1. A portion of the Cemetery is consecrated for burials/interment of ashes according to the rites of the Established Church, and a portion of it is unconsecrated, but any duly authorised Minister will be permitted to officiate either in the consecrated or unconsecrated portions, provided the service or ceremony be conducted with decorum.
2. Notice must be given between the hours of 10am and 5pm at the office of the Clerk to the Council at least three days previous to any interment. In every case exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Public/Bank Holidays; no applications can be received on those days.
3. The Notice must be on an interment form giving: the name, description and age of the person to be interred; the day and place of death; the day and hour of the proposed interment; grave/plot number and the name of the Minister intended to officiate.
4. Selected sites for interment must in every case be subject to the approval of the Council or their Clerk acting on their behalf, but the wishes of the parties interested will be met as far as possible. Such sites must be purchased at the time of selection.
5. Fee and charges of every description must be paid to Hale Parish Council on giving notice of interment.
6. The hours of interment will be between 10am and 4pm and no interment may take place on Sundays or any Public/Bank Holiday.
7. The Council reserves the right to ask to have all graves levelled after a period of time to allow for sinkage.
8. All damage done to the paths, hedges or any part of the Cemetery in the construction of a grave or the erection of a memorial must be immediately repaired to the satisfaction of the Council.
9. Double depth graves can be purchased.
10. Any grave shall be dug only within the area specifically marked out by the representatives of the Council. Any grave not so placed may be required to be re-dug in the correct position at the expense of the funeral director and/or the relatives of the deceased.

11. No grave shall be re-opened within 14 years after the burial of a person aged 12 years and upwards, or within 8 years after the burial of a child under 12 years, unless to bury another member of the same family in a grave intended for two, in which case a layer of earth of not less than one foot thick shall be left undisturbed above the previous buried coffin. But if on re-opening any grave the soil is found to be offensive, such soil shall not be disturbed. In no case shall human remains be removed from the grave.
12. Only coffins of wood, cardboard, wicker or any natural product specifically approved by the Council will be allowed.
13. All inscriptions and the plans for all types of memorials must be submitted to the Council for their approval. The height of a headstone shall not exceed 2 foot 6 inches (75cm). Kerbstones will not be permitted. The erection of memorials must be to the standards laid down by NAMM September 2003 (National Association of Memorial Masons).
14. Every memorial, of whatever description, will permitted to be erected only on the condition that such memorial be erected and remain at the owner's risk, and that the Authority shall not be held responsible for any damage or breakage which may occur to the same.
15. Any memorial not kept in proper repair by the owners thereof, will become forfeited and may be laid flat or removed by the Council if considered to be dangerously unstable.
16. Relatives or Funeral Directors must not remove memorials from the Cemetery without informing the Council.
17. A Register of all Burials will be kept at the office of the Clerk to the Council where searches may be made and certified extracts obtained by appointment.
18. The planting of plants, shrubs or trees is not allowed on a grave. The erection of any form of fencing is not allowed around a grave. Toys are not to be left on any graves.
18. Any person who shall destroy or injure any building, fence, pathway, gate, seat or roadway belonging to the Cemetery or destroy or injure any tree or plant therein or who shall daub or disfigure or put any bill thereon, or destroy, injure or deface any memorial or do any damage, play at any game or sport, or discharge firearms (save at a military funeral) in the Cemetery, or wilfully and unlawfully disturb any person attending a funeral, or commit any nuisance within the ground, is liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding £50.

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