

STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Burial Ground Regulations

The Parish Council maintains both the cemetery at the rear of the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul and the now closed cemetery in Marlow Road. Burial plots are only available to parishioners on the electoral roll, or their children, or former parish residents within the last ten years who have moved into care on payment of the appropriate charges.

Former parishioners who have already acquired burial rights to a double grave will remain eligible. Due to limited space the former residents of ten years or more, no longer qualify for burial, or interment.

No pre-purchase or reservation of plots is permitted. No kerbs are permitted to graves.

All memorials must be approved by the Parish Council.

Charges are:

Burial plot (parishioner) £279
Burial plot (former parishioner) £530
Re-opening £175
Headstone £121
Additional inscription £37
Cremation marker £84
Cremation plot* £106
Children F O C

*Cremation plots are only available to parish or former parish residents.

Other memorials may be allowed but only after approval by the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk (01494 482403) for more information and for a full copy of the cemetery regulations.

Notes

1. All application for the interments, memorials and inscriptions must be made to the Clerk of the Council at Longburrow Hall. This will usually be done by the undertakers or monumental masons on your behalf
2. No pre-purchase nor reservation of plots is permitted.
3. Burial and cremation plots are purchased for 99 years.
4. The Parish Council only accept applications from parishioners on the electoral roll, or their children. Former parishioners, in care, are also accepted for upto 10 years.
5. Additional interments within an existing plot carry a fee.
6. No stone surrounds, or kerbs are permitted. Wooden surrounds are allowed but must be below turf level.
7. Planting is permitted, together with pots and vases, but not trees or shrubs that can impede maintenance. Food, or drink items may not be left in the churchyard
8. Stone chippings (and wood / plastic) are not permitted.
9. Headstone should be of natural stone or similar and no more than 4ft high. A concrete beam is installed to allow immediate erection of a headstone. (For further guidance please refer to Diocese of Oxford Churchyard Regulations 2016 which the Parish Council use as a guideline).
10. The maintenance and safety of memorials remains the proprietors (purchaser's) responsibility and any change of address should be advised to the Clerk.
11. The life expectancy of modern headstones may be as low as 30 years and the Council reserves the right to remove any unsafe memorial at any time for shorter periods after 30 years or recognized standard time length ruling at any future date.
12. The council accepts no liability for damage to graves, or memorials unless caused by registered contractors.
13. A water tap is situated near the end of Longburrow Hall adjacent to the car park. Please do not leave empty plastic containers, or similar, in the cemetery.
14. Please remove dead flowers and place them in the bin provided.
15. Please use the large car park at Longburrow and do not drive onto the grass, or block the access.

Compliance with these rules will enable the Council to continue to provide an attractive and suitable resting place for the departed and a pleasant reflective spot for the living.

Dated 31/1/2017